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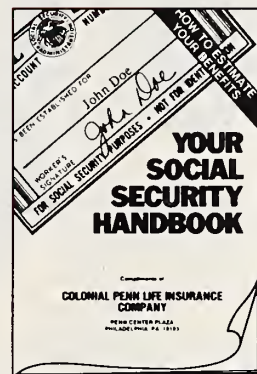
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"Looking for an Ideal Place to Live?" is the work of David Franke, author of the book "America's 50 Safest Cities," which described communities where one could be reasonably safe from criminals. In this article he discusses many other things besides security.

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John M. (Jack) Carey

New Cause for Alarm

Once again the nation's veterans have been given cause for alarm by rumblings out of Washington. Not so long ago the administration moved to eliminate or curtail veterans preference in hiring. Now it is apparent that a drive is on to curtail drastically the services that veterans get at VA hospitals.

This is set forth as a money-saving move, something that everyone would approve only for the fact that the administration's economizing takes highly selective forms. Billions seem to be readily available to implement ventures into foreign affairs, and moves instituted to effect economies at home usually end up by causing costs to spiral sharply upwards. Indeed such "economizing" has become a standing joke.

Without taking seriously the argument that cuts in VA services are intended to save money, it appears that there is something else afoot that bears watching.

In an attempt to make the move palatable the administration insists that it wants to give priority to service-connected cases, and the economies will somehow mean better care for veterans in that category. The American Legion is definitely in favor of any move that will mean better care for veterans with service-connected problems, but it questions the sincerity of this assertion. What

is being instigated is a move that contravenes the World War Veterans Act of 1924. Congress has made it consistently clear through its appropriations and supportive legislation that non-service connected veterans who need care from the VA should receive that care. And Congress has given no indication that it has had a change of heart and favors the curtailment being pushed by an administration with different ideas.

Let us consider one aspect which indicates how this is being done. In the administration's proposed budget for the VA for Fiscal Year 1979 there were serious shortfalls which engendered debate before committees and on the floor of the House. The American Legion, of course, was involved and as a result the needed funds were included in the VA appropriation for FY 1979. But, then, the Office of Management and Budget ordered the VA to reduce the number of residents employed by the VA Department of Medicine and Surgery by some 400, after having previously ordered the VA to withhold funds for research programs. An outcry caused this number to be reduced to 100, but this is still considered insufficient.

In another move, the administration budget proposed that 3,200 beds be eliminated. The Legion objected and money was appropriated to maintain the 3,200 beds. However, early this year the Legion was informed that the VA was actually closing down the 3,200 beds, regardless. It also learned that the 1,500 staff positions that were to be funded with money appropriated for that purpose would not be filled. The latest in these moves is an order issued by the DM & S to reduce staffs throughout the system in excess of 4,000. Add to this number the 1,500 positions that will not be filled and there is a staff loss throughout the system of more than 6,000.

It is highly questionable that these moves will mean better care for service-connected veterans, but you may be sure that non-service connected veterans will be getting a lot less, even when they are not actually turned away. The effects are already showing up in various parts of the country.

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Letters

• Your article "Silent Wings of World War II" (March) pointed out the sacrifices made by the glider pilots to deliver their cargoes of men and material "on target." Casualties were so horrendous that glider forces were abandoned after the war, one of the shortest-lived services in the U.S. Army. It seems most unreasonable that the few remaining glider pilots who proved themselves so valiantly with the airborne are not eligible for the combat infantryman badge so they may apply for the Bronze Star recently issued by the Department of Defense to C-1, AR 752.

EDWARD J. MCCAGUE, JR.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

• As executive secretary of the 101st Airborne Division Association I was particularly interested in the article "Silent Wings of World War II" (March). Legion members and their families may be interested in visiting our Don F. Pratt Museum at Fort Campbell, Ky., where a complete CG-4A Waco Glider is on display. The museum is named for the first allied general officer to lose his life in the D-Day invasion of Normandy. The display glider has the same markings as the one which carried Pratt on his ill-fated flight to France.

GEORGE E. KOSKIMAKI
Detroit, Mich.

• I think your new format is very eye-catching. Intriguing headlines on the cover definitely enticed me to the inside where I found the excellent article "Silent Wings of World War II" (March). It was well-researched and the use of "glider slang" indicates the author may have been a glider pilot. If so, why no identification of such with the article?

CHARLES E. SKIDMORE, JR.
Hebron, Ohio

In this case, we believe the detailed knowledgeability of his subject together with the author's portraits of the glider era authenticates his "glider rider" association.

• Inflation has been slowed! The Administration is boasting that they have cut beef consumption in VA hospitals by 30 percent!

JOHN HOFACRE
Napa, Calif.

• Veterans preference in Civil Service must be maintained at all costs. There are ample minority and women veterans available to deny the Administration the crutch of discrimination as an excuse for any changes.

LEON F. DENIS
Lynn, Mass.

• I agree with the contents of the article "JCS Recommends Limited Draft Revival" (March), except for the last paragraph regarding the drafting of women. If a young woman wishes to join the military it should be her choice. To register all 18-year old women is outrageous. We are not yet a nation of spineless males. Before my daughter is registered I will be registered again. I will be 51 when she is 18.

MARTIN N. TIRRELL
Bethlehem, N.H.

• As readers of The American Legion Magazine we have been impressed by its coverage of subjects and issues of particular interest to veterans. In this instance we would like to call to the attention of your readers the matter of neglect of veterans' gravesites that occurs in some cemeteries, particularly affecting those of the Vietnam era. Perhaps because of the trend toward elimination of headstones, flush markers are increasingly being used, hence metal flagholders and other decorations on graves are being removed and destroyed several days following interment. A deceased veteran's mark of honor, remembrance, respect and due homage rests in the American flag under which he served his country. It is being removed, and in many instances, destroyed. Locally, veterans' posts and Post Commanders have supported a campaign of vigilance to preserve these distinguishing service marks. Nationwide support is needed now.

ROBERT AND MARY GADBOIS
East Lyme, Conn.

• Recently while awaiting my turn in a doctor's office I started reading the article "Fitness Phobia" in your February issue. I did not finish before my turn was called. After seeing the doctor I returned to the waiting room to finish the piece. Of course, it was sound. It is what I have been saying all along, but surely I have

not expressed the thoughts as well or as entertainingly. If you are going to use this author's material regularly I will have to see the doctor more often or else subscribe to your magazine.

EDWARD X. TUTTLE
Bronxville, N. Y.

• The Commander's Message (March) was a masterful portrayal of communism and the danger that it presents to our freedom. In the not too distant past The American Legion was recognized as the second greatest force against communism in this country; let us hope that your message will reawaken our membership to regain that patriotic position. The founders of The American Legion were imbued with a sense of leadership that precluded compromise. Your message is telling us that we cannot compromise with communism or with the forces that urge us to do so.

JAMES B. WHITE
Aptos, Calif.

• Your article "Our Declining Investment in Defense" (March) is one of the finest, down-to-earth expressions of reality about our defense financial posture I have ever read. Let's have more of the same.

ARTHUR F. IRWIN
Montgomery, Ala.

• Thank you for the article "The Quiet Invasion" (March). What can we do about these illegal aliens? How can we stop welfare agencies from paying out our tax dollars and food stamps? This is an appalling situation.

WILLIAM H. NEAL, JR.
Roseville, Minn.

• With all the talk about our energy crisis, questions being raised as to what the government and the oil companies are doing about it, I have before me a column written by John Chamberlain a few months ago. In it he pointed out that a new Department of Energy had been set up with 20,000 permanent employees and a yearly budget of \$10 billion. This, he said "happens to be more than the major U. S. oil companies earn in a year." There is a rather powerful lesson in this.

A. F. MARSHALL
Ithaca, N. Y.

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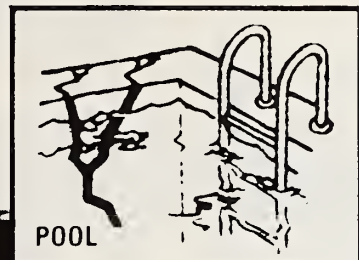
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Big Issues

Should The Military Draft Be Revived?



Rep. Charles
Wilson (D. Tex.)

Yes. Six years after the end of the draft, the all-volunteer military at last has become an issue for serious debate. Logic, and not political expediency, should decide the outcome.

The Chiefs of Staff of the Army, Marine Corps and Air Force last month called for an annual draft. Administration officials and Members of Congress are agreeing with these men.

My constituents in East Texas probably would not consider a return to the draft to be a new issue. I have introduced legislation for six consecutive years to reinstate the draft and have been a vocal opponent of the all-volunteer forces.

What is new this year is a growing, widespread support for reviving the draft. It is no wonder.

The all-volunteer experiment has cost the American taxpayer \$18 billion more since the abolishment of the draft than would have been spent under universal conscription. Even without consideration of the money involved, the cost of our present system is too high.

Our forces have been cut from 2.7 to 2.1 million men. There are great lags in recruiting for active and reserve units and a decline in the quality of the nation's fighting men. We now have an army with substandard education, heavy racial imbalance, and a dropout rate double that of the draft era.

These issues were evaded by the Administration, the Congress and the military for years because revival of the draft was deemed politically impossible. But the luxury of evasion cannot last much longer.

The problems of the all-volunteer military will increase, not disappear, unless we institute the draft. Russia's forces are twice as numerous as our own and better trained. The strength of our NATO forces in Europe is declining rapidly because of the inability of our soldiers to use increasingly more complex weapons.

Politicians must address the problems an all-volunteer military will create in the future as the effects of dwindling birthrates in the 1960's are felt and the number of young men reaching age 18 declines. Bureau of Census statistics project that instead of having to attract one of every six males to meet recruitment quotas, as is now the case, the services eventually will have to attract one of every four.

The active service was short 3,300 persons in its last monthly goal for 48,000 recruits and 500,000 below the goal of 700,000 persons for ready reserve. If we cannot meet the recruitment goals of today, how will we recruit our military of tomorrow?

It is time for government to resolve this important and dangerous situation. Politicians must weigh the factual effects of the present system on our national interest and forget the political consequences in their district. Logic must prevail.



Rep. Ron Paul
(R. Tex.)

No. Some politicians in Washington are urging that we revive the military draft. I believe this would be a serious mistake.

Our Constitution clearly forbids involuntary servitude, except for convicted felons. But there are also compelling moral, economic, and military reasons for keeping a voluntary armed forces.

The lives of our young people do not belong to the federal government. The essence of what makes America worth defending is free choice, and I believe that Americans would line up to enlist if our security were truly imperiled. But given our foolish foreign policy and no-win wars, it is no wonder that our young people might be reluctant to be drafted to fight under Brzezinski and Young.

Americans could be sent, at the behest of the UN, to attack Ian Smith and his black colleagues in the pro-western multi-racial Rhodesian government.

Resistance might run high, especially after the Vietnam experience: the law-breakers got amnesty; the law-abiders, all too often, got killed.

And for those who did serve against their better judgment, morale would be a problem. It is no coincidence that marijuana and heroin usage first became widespread in an unhappy army of draftees.

In today's world, we don't need an armed force of green kids to defend our country. Not to mention the cost-inefficiency of spending billions to train one-hitch soldiers.

We need more cruise missiles, Trident nuclear submarines, MIRVed ICBMs, laser anti-missile weapons, ABMs, and defensive satellites.

To recruit and keep the highly trained military technicians we need to man such weapons, we should pay much higher salaries.

The money should come from three sources: 1) ending our defense subsidization of such wealthy allies as West Germany and Japan; 2) dismantling some of our expensive and outmoded overseas bases (we need to beef up American bases and we don't need to sit on the enemy's borders to know what he's up to); and, 3) having smaller (but better trained and better paid) armed forces.

I was honored to serve as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard, and I am proud of our military.

Using an authoritarian method such as the draft devalues our armed forces and our Constitution. It is a sign of military and societal weakness, not strength.

The defense of freedom—the reason we need a militarily stronger United States—cannot be served by the draft. Congress should reject the pleas for its revival.

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Gasohol Issue Heats Up

Look for fireworks in the months ahead over whether the government should (or shouldn't) back "gasohol." As the name implies, "gasohol" is a mixture of gasoline and alcohol in 90-10 or 80-20 proportions, intended to reduce the use of precious gasoline in cars.

Chief boosters of "gasohol" are such heavyweights as farm groups, the American Automobile Assn., and some consumer advocates. Against it are the oil companies. Here are their positions:

Right off, both sides agree that "gasohol" works fine in autos. The Germans and French relied on alcohol in World War II; racing cars are propelled by it; moreover "gasohol" currently is being sold in Brazil and half a dozen U.S. states.

But there the agreement ends. The oil companies maintain that alcohol doesn't save anything, because it takes as much—or more—energy to produce it as it conserves. Meanwhile, the AAA—which has been road-testing "gasohol" over the past year—says that today's alcohol costs can be brought way down. Mass production and the use of cheaper ingredients—grain unfit for human use, sugar cane leftovers and even garbage—would get the price to a viable level.

What makes the debate so hot is the prospect of federal subsidies or tax relief. "Gasohol" advocates are hoping for "seed money" to get more alcohol plants on stream. For their part, the oil companies have told the government that "we suggest such support be given to all domestic fuels which are capable of reducing the demand for oil and gas imports, including conventional oil and natural gas."

Beware Heat Leak Specialists

Homeowners are getting the hard sell from inspection services that claim they can detect wasteful heat leaks in homes and devise ways to plug them up. Many are pure come-ons for the sale of insulation, new heating systems, etc. Beware of this one:

A "specialist" promises to evaluate the efficiency of your residence by taking infrared photos that presumably can spot where heat is escaping. Price of the photography: \$75 to \$100.

Don't fall for that. If infrared photography were that effective, you could take the pictures with your own camera for a few dollars. The fact is, says Eastman Kodak, that standard infrared film won't show heat loss unless—as one Eastman expert puts it—"you get the place hot enough to burn it down." Only special thermographic equipment, costing thousands of dollars and requiring expert handling, can do the detective job properly.

A better way is to contact your utility for advice. Many now have inspection services costing about \$10. Some also hold seminars for their customers and provide lists of qualified heating and insulation contractors.

Insurance Rates In Spotlight

Changes in auto insurance procedures are in the making that will affect you both near-term and long-term.

NEAR-TERM: Most of the big insurance companies—among them Aetna, Travelers, State Farm Mutual and Allstate—are in the process of switching their policies from a one year to a six-month basis. Reason: Rate increases can be put into effect faster.

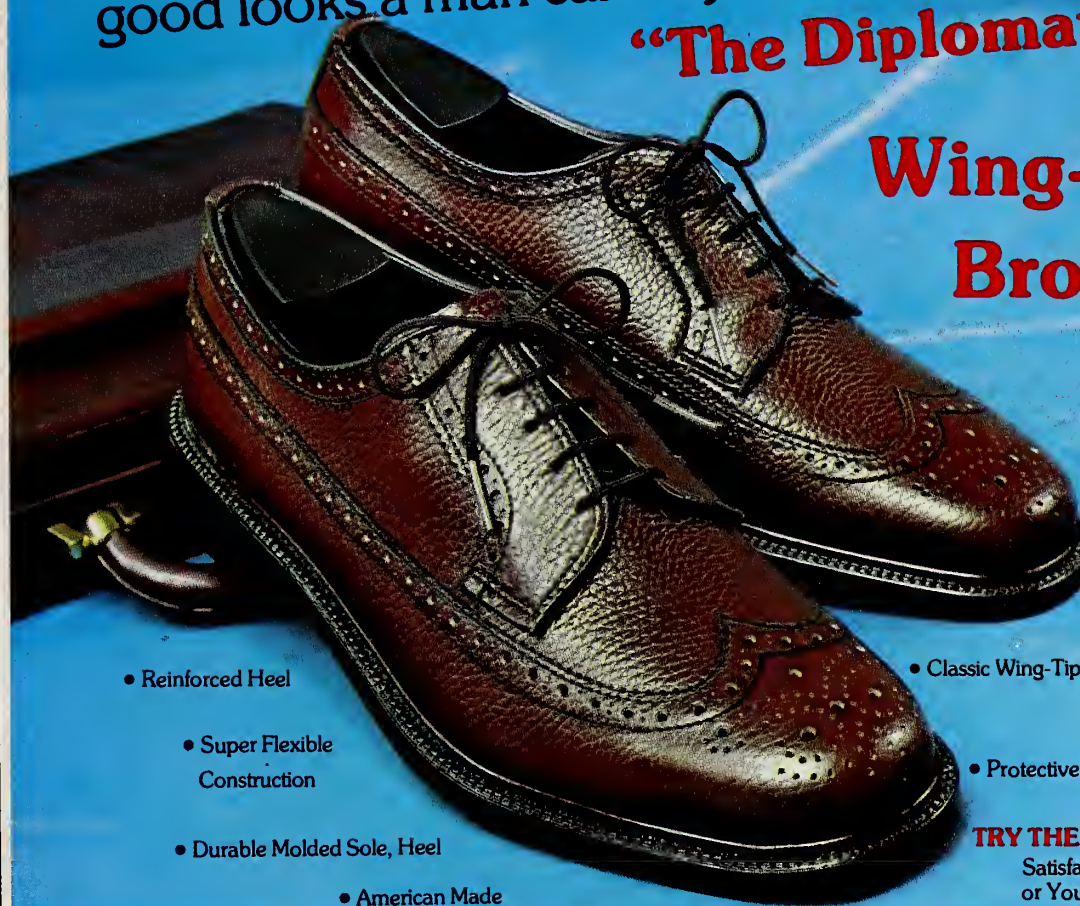
LONG-TERM: State regulatory agencies, prompted by consumer gripes, are seriously investigating insurance rating systems—particularly the basing of charges on sex, age, marital status and geography. Allegedly this method is discriminatory, notably against young, unmarried male drivers and car owners living in larger cities. What the protestors want is more uniformity in rates—not only among demographic and geographic groups, but also among the insurance companies themselves. Chances are that changes will result, but on a state—not national—basis.

—By Edgar A. Grunwald

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Footnotes to D-Day



By A. C. Wedemeyer
General, United States Army, Ret.

On April 8, 1942—four months after Pearl Harbor—I landed at Hendon Airfield near London as a member of a supersecret military mission code-named MODICUM. The mission comprised five Americans traveling under fictitious names. We had just zig-zagged our way across the Atlantic, from Baltimore to Bermuda to Ireland, in a huge, four-engined flying boat. We were met in London by Prime Minister Winston Churchill and senior members of the British defense establishment.

The solemnity of these circumstances befitted our business. We had come to London to present to top British political and military leaders the strategic plans developed in Washington for the defeat of the Axis. Our party included Army Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall; President Roosevelt's close personal advisor Harry Hopkins; Commander James R. Fulton, a Navy physician attending Hopkins; Air Force Colonel H. A. Craig, in charge of travel; and myself, then a Lieutenant Colonel in War Plans Division of the War Department General Staff. My role, as a staff officer who had been intimately involved in the development of the American position, was

to assist General Marshall in presenting our plans to the British.

Allied fortunes in the far-flung theaters of war had never seemed darker. Since December, the tide of Japanese conquest had swept over vast areas of eastern and southern Asia, and most of the ocean and island areas of the Central and West Pacific. The American and Filipino defenders of Bataan and Corregidor were fighting their last heroic battles. Rommel had again seized the offensive against the British Eighth Army in the deserts of North Africa. Losses of Allied shipping in the Atlantic were running at alarming levels. Although Hitler's panzers had been stopped short of Moscow, Soviet counteroffensives had achieved little, and German buildup for renewed summer offensives was well advanced.

Conferences with the British military Chiefs began at the War Office on the day following our arrival in London. General Marshall, speaking for the Americans, and looking forward to the day when the full power of the Allies could be brought to bear in offensive action, reaffirmed his commitment to the previously announced policy of "Europe first." He went on to expound the American

proposals for defeating Hitler quickly and decisively, with minimum loss of life, in a manner calculated to secure the political as well as the military objectives of the war.

Our plans were divided into two major phases. The preparatory phase, code-named BOLERO, envisioned the rapid Anglo-American buildup of a highly mobile and intensively trained air and ground amphibious force of one million men in the British Isles. While this buildup was in progress, *Festung Europa* was to be softened up by progressively intensified air and naval attack. The second phase, code-named ROUNDUP, called for a climactic cross-channel invasion of the continent in the early



Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer

summer of 1943. After establishing secure lodgments in Normandy, Allied armies were to fan out and drive eastward across France and the Rhine to the decisive military objective—the industrial heartland of Germany—and then press on to the Vistula River in Poland.

"The harmony was short-lived. In the weeks and months that followed, we learned that our British allies had embraced the American plan with tongue in cheek. Countless projects stood higher on their list of operational priorities than a move across the channel."

Although ambitious in concept, BOLERO and ROUNDUP were no mere expressions of naive American enthusiasm. The plans had been developed on the basis of exhaustive study by the combined staff planners, aided by countless intelligence specialists, logisticians, and other experts; they had been carefully examined by the respective Armed Services and the Chief of Staff; they had been declared feasible from the standpoint of production by the nation's foremost industrialists; and they had received the enthusiastic approval of President Roosevelt. Allied intelligence estimated that the bulk of the German ground and air forces would be deeply committed far to the east for several months—possibly a year—in a life-and-death

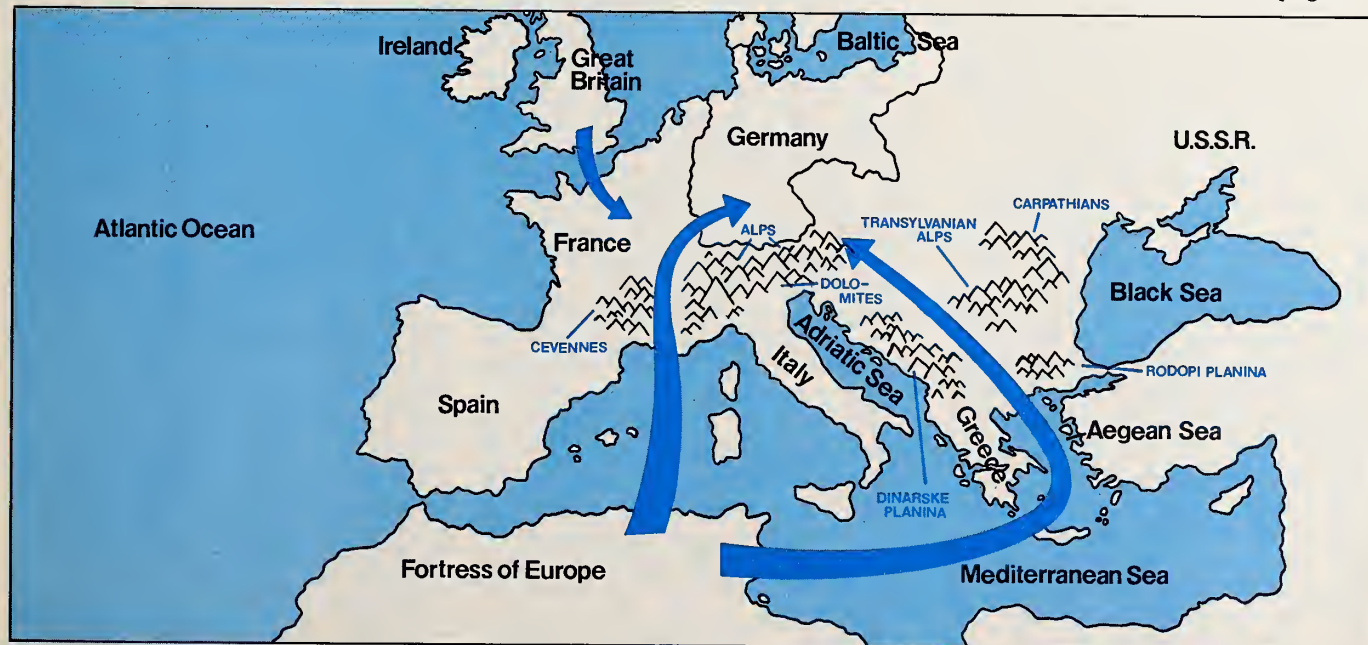


Staff chiefs of the U.S. Army and Navy confer on strategy in Quebec in 1943. At table, left to right, Gen. George C. Marshall, Gen. Henry H. Arnold, Brig. Gen. J. R. Deane, Adm. Ernest J. King, Adm. William D. Leahy. Then Brig. Gen. Wedemeyer is standing second from right.

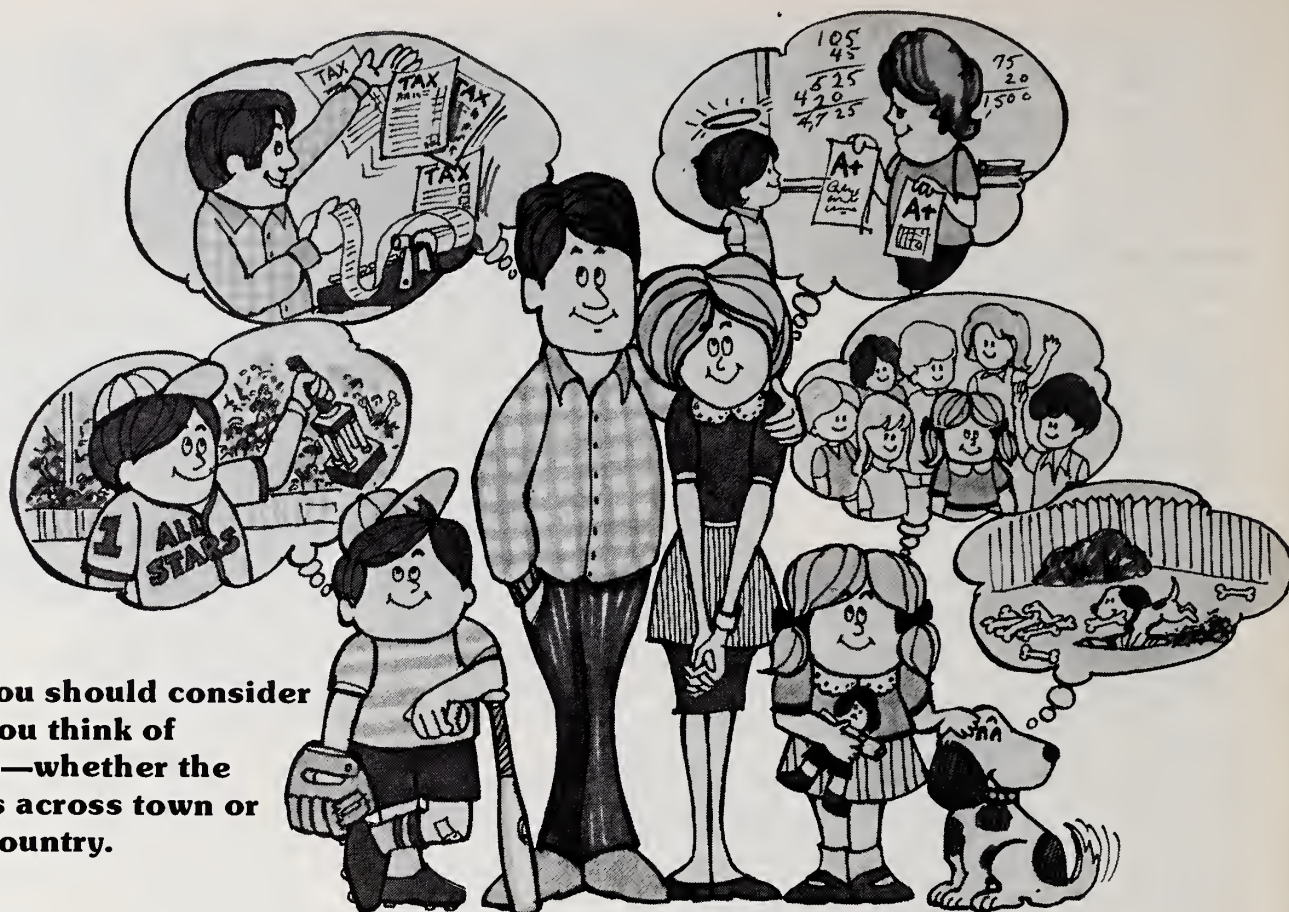
struggle with the Red Army. This information gave our plans uniquely favorable prospects of success. The relative unpreparedness of the enemy's European coastal defenses (the Atlantic Wall) enhanced those prospects even more. A further and fundamental consideration was geopolitical. We planners felt that military operations ought to lay solid foundations for political victory. If the conquest of Western Europe were achieved by the Democracies, that goal could be realized; if on the other hand, the Red Army had driven westward to the Rhine or beyond, it very probably could not.

Our meetings in London were cordial, and most of the British officials in attendance seemed to agree, at least in principle, with the American concepts. General Marshall and Hopkins both felt certain, on the basis of conversations with Churchill, that the Prime Minister himself was favorably disposed. I gained an impression, however—primarily from the tenor of questions that were asked concerning preliminary operations, the security of the Mediterranean, lines of communications to the Far East, and other matters—that a complete meeting of minds had not been

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Instead of the massive thrust across the Channel that was desired by our military leaders, we used up men and materiel in operations in the Mediterranean.



What you should consider when you think of moving—whether the move is across town or cross-country.

Looking for an Ideal Place to Live?

By David Franke

You have to get out of town before it's too late. Taxes are brutal... the crime rate is soaring... the schools are jungles... the air is poison... and transportation is abominable.

But where can you go? Is there any place in America that's still a desirable place in which to live? Where the American dream hasn't turned into a nightmare?

You bet there is. In fact, there are thousands of such communities all across the nation where the living is good and folks rarely lock their doors. It's easy to forget this when you watch the six o'clock news or read newspaper headlines.

Of course, the grass is always greener across the street and Americans keep heading toward it. In fact, each year one out of five of us makes a move despite all the obvious inconveniences involved in pulling up roots. But are we happier *after* than *before*? That depends in

large part on the intelligence we apply to the move.

Look in a mirror, and you come face-to-face with your biggest problem.

What do *you* want? What are you looking for in a new home, a new job, a new environment? Understand that and your chore becomes a relatively simple one of gathering the right information, but first you must make an honest appraisal of your resources, your circumstances, and above all your hopes and dreams for the future.

As a first step, get out a notepad and list the objective and subjective factors you will want to consider.

Objective considerations will include your *financial resources*—of obvious importance in determining whether you can buy into an attractive community. Long-distance moving expenses, taxes, and the general cost of living there should also be considered.

Personal circumstances will help you establish a framework for your research. Are you salaried or self-

employed? Either way, certain areas of the country or certain types of communities may offer greater financial opportunities. Are you young, middle aged, or elderly? We tend to look for different things at age 65 or age 40 than at age 25. Are you single or married? The happiness of the entire family has to be taken into account, and there can be (most likely *will be*) cries of anguish if you have children in school. And are there medical problems to keep in mind?

Subjective considerations are those based on *personal likes and dislikes*. You may want (or not want) to live in a particular part of the country. Geography—mountains, desert, the ocean—is a vital consideration for some of us. Lines are passionately drawn on climate—between those who want a change of seasons, and those who want sun, sun, and more sun. The lifestyle we want to pursue will tell us what to look for within the range of possibilities available to someone with our financial resources and personal circumstances.

Keeping all of this in mind, prepare a checklist of everything you will want to investigate in the community you have in mind. And even if you have one particular community in mind, you should use this checklist on several others as well—just to see if your front-runner appears as favorably as you expect.

Among the topics you will want to consider are these:

Business and industry: Is there a good mix—not dependent on one firm or one industry? Seasonal fluctuations? Taxes, labor market, natural resources, transportation facilities, and other factors that will determine the future economic health of the area.

Jobs: Availability, wage scales, working conditions, unions. Seasonal fluctuations? Part-time opportunities for retirees. Taking wages and cost of living into account, will you be able to maintain or improve your earning power?

Agriculture and gardening: If you're a farmer, you will know better than I can describe what to look for. For amateur home gardeners: climate; soil conditions; length of growing season; what grows and doesn't grow in the area.

Housing: Price range, architectural styles, neighborhood pride. If there are problem neighborhoods: Is the problem spreading, or, on the other hand, are there renovation possibilities? Types of housing—single-family homes, condominiums, apartments, rental houses, mobile home parks, retirement communities. Is acreage available for building?

Taxes: Present levies and possible hikes—state, local, and special governmental units. Pick a property you like, in your price, check on the present owner's total tax bite, and find out if it is likely to be assessed upward after you buy it. Look into other aspects of the property tax—such as millage and assessed valuation and find out when property in that community was last assessed and if a reassessment is contemplated. Check too on other taxes—personal property, employment, sales, etc. These sometimes come as unpleasant surprises when you can do nothing about the situation. When discussing taxes with a real estate agent or a chamber of commerce, ask what the *total* taxes will be if you become a resident.

Grass-roots government and community services: Type of municipal and local government. Free of corruptions? Citizen participation. Police and fire protection—check crime rate and Board of Underwriters fire protection rating. Availability, reli-

ability, quality of water supply, fuel, electricity. Are rates in line? Garbage pickup. Sewage disposal. Street conditions. Snow removal. Libraries.

Crime rate: How the community compares with others of its size and in this part of the country. Are police facilities modern, the force educated and well trained? Beware of seasonal resorts that are tempting targets for thieves off-season. Get a wide sampling of community feeling about the local crime situation.

Education: Private, parochial, public schools. Quality, responsiveness to parents and taxpayers. How expensive? Colleges, technical and vocational schools, adult education programs.

Medical facilities: Doctors and dentists—both GPs and specialists. Hospitals, medical centers, nursing convalescent homes, ambulance service and emergency facilities. Pharmacies. Veterinary centers. Cost of a visit to a doctor, a hospital room. Treatment facilities for any special problems in your family.

The lifestyle we want to pursue will tell us what to look for...

Climate: Seasonal variations, usual temperature ranges. Any particularly stormy or unpleasant season? Altitude. Precipitation. Humidity. Bugs and pests. Air and water quality. Environmental hazards. Disaster potential: hurricanes, tornadoes, blizzards, flooding, earthquakes.

Shopping facilities: Businesses and services to meet your day-to-day needs. (Compile a list over several months of ones you use at your present home.) Department stores and specialty shops—if not in the immediate community, how close? Downtown vitality. Shopping malls. Any unwelcome gasoline, neon, gin alleys?

Passenger transportation: Highway connections, including Interstate. Airlines—including private plane facilities if you fly. Bus, train connections to outside world. Local taxi service and mass transit. Traffic jams?

Communications: Daily, weekly newspapers. Television—network, educational, cable. Radio stations that carry the type of music and pro-

gramming you like. Reception problems?

Community life: Churches. Organizations and clubs for whatever interests you—civic, fraternal, veterans, social, cultural, recreational, hobby, political, youth, senior citizen's, and women's clubs. Sports—professional, collegiate, school, amateur participation. Festivals. Restaurants. Cultural programs. (A college can add much to even a small town's cultural fare—if the public is made welcome.)

Parks and recreation: Year-round and seasonal facilities and activities covering your interests—water sports, playing fields, trails, or shuffleboard. Organized community programs, public and private. Golf courses. Bowling alleys. Movie theaters. Nearby lakes, beaches, camping sites, hunting and fishing.

Overall ambience: The look of the town, its history, ethnic mix, responsiveness to newcomers. Is it the size and type of community you want—isolated hamlet, small town, small city, suburb, or metropolis? Is it convenient to whatever is missing in the immediate area? Does the surrounding countryside satisfy a variety of interests, or will you be bored in a few months?

Knowing what to look for you are now ready to assemble your "dream kit" of enticing tourist literature on supply is limited only by your bud-whatever havens beckon you. The get for postage and the degree of torture you want to inflict on your friendly neighborhood postman. Virtually every state and every community with more than a dozen souls wants to tell you about the joys of visiting or living in their paradise.

From previous travels, from what you've read and seen on television and in the movies, and from recommendations from others, you undoubtedly have some preliminary notion of where you'd like to move. Perhaps several places. Pick the most likely states and write for information from their tourism divisions.

At the same time, you can start collecting maps. The *Rand McNally Road Atlas* is a handy set of state maps under one cover. If you belong to an automobile association or travel club, ask them for maps. Exxon Touring Service (1251 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10019) also has maps available of 41 states—missing are some midwestern states, Alaska and Hawaii—as well as convenient regional maps covering the Western United States and Eastern United States.

Careful study of the literature you
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GOLF-

A Game for Everyone

There's no game like it, for reasons set forth here by an enthusiast.

By Joseph Gambatese

No sport compares with golf as the most unusual and in many ways the most useful and valuable to our society. Think about it.

How many home communities have you seen develop around a football stadium, baseball park, basketball arena or tennis court?

What other sport compares with golf in attracting athletes who can no longer compete in these other sports?

How many people are able to engage in championship competition in the other sports from the time they are kids until they are in their 60's and sometimes older?

What other sport do doctors tell their patients to engage in for rehabilitation or recovery from some disability?

In what other sport can one develop as many business and social contacts that can help one's business or social life?

In what other sport can participants enjoy the outdoors and, through fair handicapping, compete on an equal basis with opponents possessing superior talent? (Even the disabled can win golf championships. With grim determination and the help of leg braces, Ben Hogan won the 1950 U.S. Open about a year after a near fatal auto crash. Ed Furgol overcame the handicap of a with-

ered left arm with rigid bent elbow to capture the 1954 U.S. Open.)

What other sport raises millions of dollars for charities and entices highly paid businessmen to abandon their executive suites and park cars without pay at a benefit golf tournament? (Tournaments held for the benefit of cancer research alone have raised more than \$3,000,000 over the past three years. On the Professional Golf Association Tour, Commissioner Deane Beman rightfully proclaims that the many charities that benefit from the 40-odd pro tournaments really are the leading money winners.)

In what other sport are spectators allowed to walk on the playing area and rub shoulders with the competitors?

Did Astronaut Alan B. Shepard, Jr., throw a baseball or kick a football on the moon? Of course not. He struck a golf ball.

Finally, this clincher: Could you imagine a football quarterback calling a pass interference penalty against himself in the Super Bowl? In the "gentleman's game" of golf, players are expected to call penalties against themselves as Bobby Jones did in the 1925 U.S. Open, causing him to lose it. His ball had moved when he addressed it in the rough, but only

he knew it. Yet, the penalty he called on himself forced him into a tie, and a play-off with Willie MacFarlane, which he lost.

That's golf. There's no other game like it.

Golf presents one of the greatest challenges to the individual for compensation, self-control and resort to strategy. As Arnold Palmer says, "Eighty-five percent of golf is played above the neck."

Golf is the source and butt of countless jokes and cartoons. Hardly a day goes by that you don't see or hear something funny about golf. Like the Saturday Evening Post cartoon about the wife on a cruise ship who can't find her Mae West life-jacket because her husband has put it around his golf bag.

Or this joke about the time Jimmy Durante played his first round of golf and shot an atrociously high score.

"What will I give the caddie?" he asked his companions.

"Your clubs," they responded.

Or this one Bob Hope told on the late President Eisenhower at a White House Correspondent Dinner: During one of his golf games, the President's caddie, who did not recognize him, spoke disparagingly of his game. Another caddie reproached him, saying:

"Boy, you oughtn't talk that way. Don't you know that he's the President?"

Minutes later the President sliced a ball out of bounds over a fence.

"Mr. Lincoln," his caddie complimented him, "you sure liberated that one."



A golfer who has done much to promote the game is Bob Hope.

According to the National Golf Foundation, golf is "The Game of a Lifetime." No one is ever too old, and few are too young, to play golf.

Jones played in his first national championship at 14. Gene Sarazen won the 1922 U.S. Open at 20. Sam Snead, winner of a record 84 PGA tournaments, won the Greater Greensboro Open for the eighth time at 52, 27 years after he first won it.

This writer had the thrill of winning the two-man team championship of Kenwood Golf & Country Club with a retired dentist for a partner. Dr. Noah Pomeroy was 91. For his feat, he made the cover of Golf World magazine.

Golf is a big and growing business. Since World War II, the number of golfers in the United States has increased from 2,500,000 to more than 16 million. In 1977, they played 332 million rounds, using 539,200 powered golf carts.

Golfers will spend almost \$500 million this year for balls, clubs, bags and shoes. The number of golf courses has increased from 4,870 to 12,500, covering 1,237,000 acres. About \$4.7 billion is invested in golf facilities.

Herb Graffis, dean of golf writers and founder of NGF, sums golf up as "the most commercially valuable and least publicized of all popular games."

Athletes from other sports have become good professional golfers in their later years. Ellsworth Vines of tennis fame played the golf pro tour before settling down as a club golf professional. Outfielder Sam Byrd of the Yankees and former Quarterback John Brodie of the 49ers also played the tour. Ralph Terry, Yankee pitcher, became a teaching golf professional.

Many athletes have become good amateur golfers. Ralph Guglielmi,

former Redskins and Giants quarterback and Notre Dame All-American, boasts a three handicap and the 1977 championship of Congressional C. C., outside of Washington.

Former Yankee outfielder Charlie Keller was near 40 when he took up golf while breeding trotters and pacers on his 160-acre Yankeeland horse farm in Frederick, Md. Why golf?

"It enables me to maintain competition," he explains. "When you get older, there are very few competitive sports available."

Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle and Whitey Ford are other former Yankee players who play respectable golf.

An active quarterback who likes to belt golf balls when not throwing passes is Bob Griese of the Miami Dolphins, who last year won the guest prize at the annual golf writers' tournament at Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Since World War II the number of golfers in the United States has increased from 2,500,000 to more than 16 million.

"Golf is most rewarding for me in the mental relaxation it affords me while I am on the golf course," he told this writer. "It's just a great way to get out and get away from the telephones and the problems of everyday life, and to enjoy the quiet and solitude of a golf course."

Golf ranks high for its therapeutic value. People don't realize how much exercise they get from a round of golf even when they ride a cart, according

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Mickey Mantle demonstrates his versatility by whacking a golf ball in the annual baseball players tournament.

America's First Transcontinental Flight



Rugged Calbraith Perry Rodgers is buttoned up for takeoff.

Piloting a plane dubbed the Vin Fiz Flyer, Cal Rodgers made history by flying across the United States in 69 hops.

PHOTOS: BROWN BROS.

By William C. Franz

He was the great-grandson of Commodore Matthew Perry who had opened the door to Japan, the great-grandnephew of Oliver Hazard Perry who had achieved immortality by proclaiming, "We have met the enemy and they are ours!" Cigar-puffing, 6-foot-4, 32-year-old Calbraith Perry Rodgers was determined to carve his own niche by becoming the first human to fly coast-to-coast and claim the \$50,000 prize being offered for the feat by William Randolph Hearst.

It had been a mere seven years since Orville Wright had flown man's first 120 feet at Kitty Hawk when, in the fall of 1910, the controversial newspaper magnate made his offer. It was valid for only one year and required that the flight be completed in a period of 30 days or less. Aiming for the deadline date of October 10, 1911, eight pilots registered for entry in the race, Rodgers among them.

Cal had learned to fly the previous June at the school operated by the Wright brothers in Dayton. Obviously a quick study, he had been allowed to solo after only an hour and a half instruction and had immediately decided to seek his fortune in the daring new activity that was capturing the imagination of America. Just two months after graduation he entered a competitive air meet in Chicago and set one endurance record after another, winning more than \$11,000 in prizes.

To finance his effort in the transcontinental race Rodgers turned to J. Ogden Armour of Chicago who agreed to put up the money in return for publicizing his company's new grape-flavored soft drink, "Vin Fiz." Armour would pay Cal five dollars a mile for piloting a plane emblazoned with advertisements on its wings and tail and supply a three-car railroad train to follow him from New York to California carrying necessities for the flight. Rumors that it also bore a coffin on board were rampant, but unfounded.

By September 13, 1911, he was loading his custom-built aircraft onto a freight car in Ohio for its trip to the starting point near Sheepshead Bay, N.Y. The machine was a Wright Model E-X biplane, a smaller, faster version of the Model B. With a wingspan of 32 feet, it had a four-cylinder, water-cooled engine capable of generating 35 horsepower and attaining a maximum speed of 55 miles per hour. Together the engine and plane weighed a total of 850 pounds.

Four days afterward Cal made his gangly way across the Long Island field improvised from a racetrack to begin what would prove to be one of the most grueling flights in the history of aviation. A crowd of 2,000 watched as a sweet young miss from Memphis poured a bottle of grape drink over the landing skids of the aircraft and announced, "I dub thee *Vin Fiz Flyer!*"

Of the pilots who had autographed their intentions to try for the Hearst prize a month earlier, only three were left. Robert G. Fowler, a

fellow graduate of the Wright school at Dayton, had been the first to take off, heading west to east. He'd left from Golden Gate Park in San Francisco on the 11th, planning to make 175 miles on each of 20 flying days, but ran into trouble while still over California, snapping his rudder-control wire and crashing into trees which brought on a 12-day rebuilding job and effectively put him out of the race. Former jockey James J. Ward was the second remaining entrant and he had taken off in his Curtiss biplane from Governor's Island in New York Harbor on September 13 but had soon become lost over New Jersey.

During the ensuing weeks all three men would prove themselves valiant and stubborn adventurers as they tried desperately to complete their journeys across the country. Jimmy Ward would give up only after a series of heartbreaking setbacks as bookmakers were giving odds of five to one against his living through the ordeal. The other two pilots would eventually attain their goal—indomitable Bob Fowler and quiet Cal Rodgers—but not in the manner they had hoped.

Part of Rodgers reputation as the strong, silent type stemmed from the fact that he was partially deaf, a dis-

ability that had kept him from pursuing the military career he had dreamed of and which had brought fame to other members of his family. As to strength, it was an absolute prerequisite for a man contemplating such a journey. The Model E-X

"I'm going to do this whether I get \$50,000, or 50 cents or nothing. I am going to be the first to cross this continent . . .

offered no comforts, even when flying perfectly which wasn't often. Enconced in its single rock-hard seat, wearing goggles to make up the lack of a windshield, the pilot had to use both hands constantly, the left holding a stick to control ascent and descent by bending the rear elevator plane and the right grasping another arm which, at the top, controlled the rudder through left or right movement and, at the same time, could warp the wings to create banking by rear or forward action.

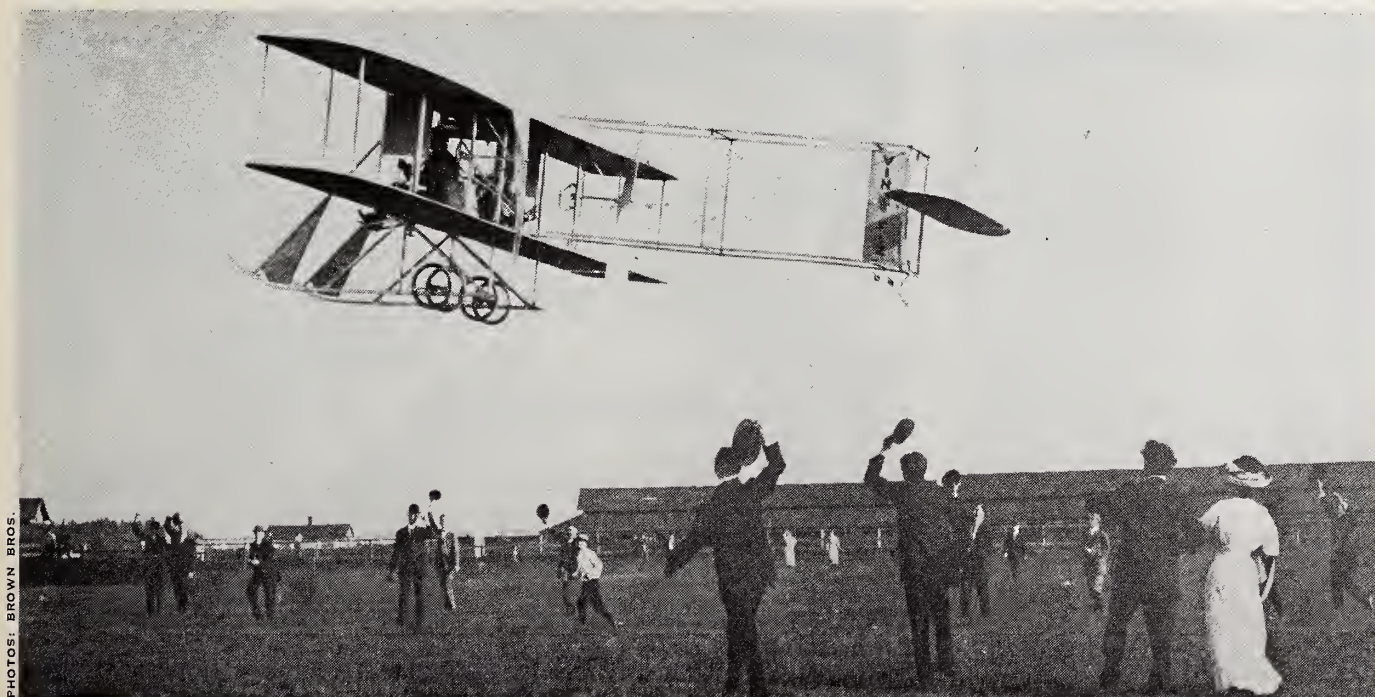
The engine of the *Vin Fiz Flyer* featured no throttle; the only adjustment that could be made to control

speed was advancing the spark, so once the motor was started it kept running at full power.

The weather was perfect on the mid-September Sunday afternoon when Cal Rodgers set out on his adventure. Accepting a four-leaf clover from a well-wisher in the crowd, at 4:30 p.m. on the 17th he climbed aboard the delicate-looking craft with huge letters painted on the bottoms of its wings spelling out "Vin Fiz, The Ideal Grape Drink", lit a cigar, and signaled to his assistants to spin the two wooden propellers behind him. As bystanders threw derby hats into the air, Rodgers lifted off the racetrack infield and headed for what he hoped would be a rendezvous with destiny and William Randolph Hearst. In the meantime, Ward had crashed into a barbed wire fence in upstate New York and Fowler was still awaiting repairs in California.

Performing the first of his duties for the sponsor, Rodgers began the flight by circling over late-summer crowds bathing at nearby Coney Island and dropping Vin Fiz leaflets to them. Crossing the East River at the Brooklyn Bridge, he was to be hailed by newspapers the next morning as the first man to fly over Man-

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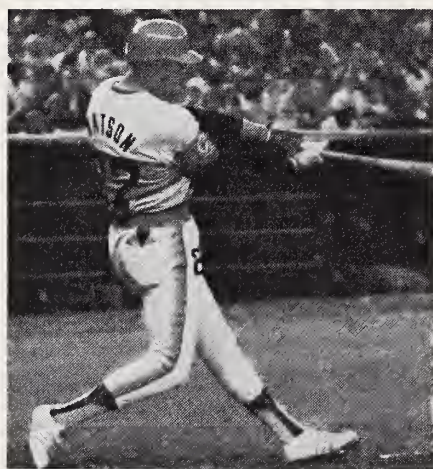
It was up, up and away as Rodgers left Long Island on a flight that ended successfully but tragically.



The city is named after Sam Houston, hero of the Battle of San Jacinto and the first president of the Republic of Texas.

An Invitation 1979's Convention City

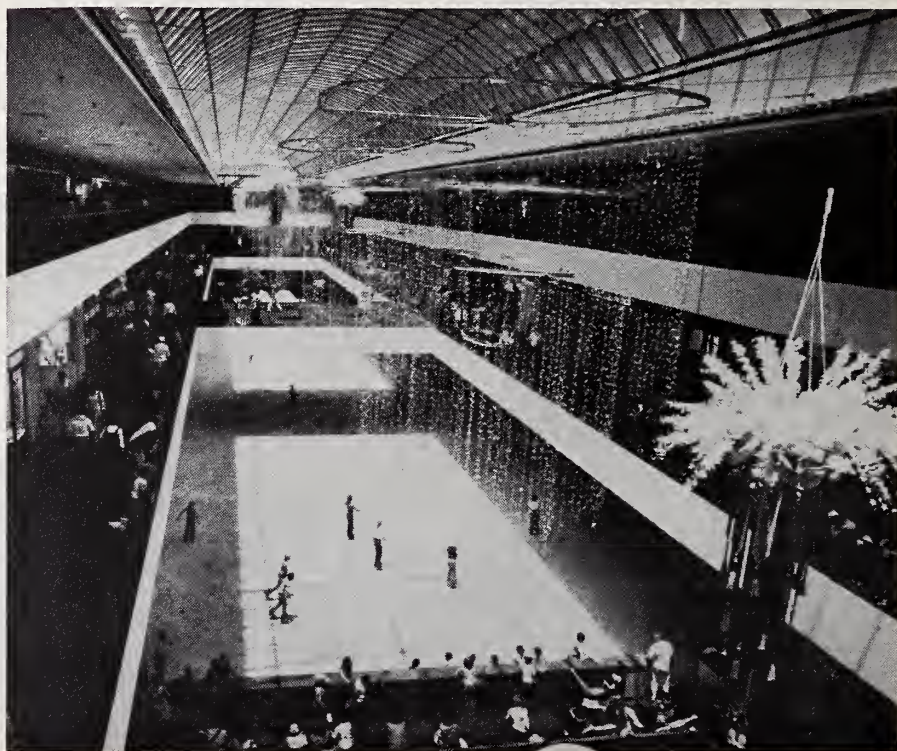
There will be plenty to see and do when the Legion convenes for the 61st time.



HOUSTON ASTROS

Major league baseball is only one of many sports to be seen at the mammoth Astrodome.

The Galleria, at right, is a place where you can shop, dine, entertain and be entertained.



to Houston



By Grail Hanford

Houston has been called the Star City of the Lone Star State; a stand-out city; a cheerful, cosmopolitan city; a warm, friendly city; an industrial and petroleum city; a cotton and rice city; a port city.

The largest city in Texas, fifth largest in the United States, Houston is located some 52 miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico at Galveston, at the head of the Houston Ship Channel, and rises from a flat, open plain that is about 50 feet above sea level.

Legionnaires traveling to Houston for this year's convention, which spans the seven days from Friday, August 17 to Thursday, August 23, will be amazed at how much the city has grown during the 70's. When you are at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, headquarters hotel for the convention and one of the four hotels where Legion Commission and Committee meetings will be held, take a few minutes to view just one of the new build-

ings that is currently in the works in Houston. Adjacent to the hotel and easily visible from it is Houston Center II. Already completed and 40-stories high, it is part of the planned great Houston Center development.

Houston is a hot city in August, where normal temperature for the month is a humid 83 degrees and easily can go into the 90's. But Houstonians are the first to tell you that with today's air conditioning and the city's modern approach to beating the heat, there is little cause for anyone to be distressed for long by the weather. About the only stretch of heat that Legionnaires should experience will be on the night of the Legion's fabulous parade, Monday, August 20th, with step-off time scheduled for 7 p.m.

The preliminary business sessions of the convention, the Commission and Committee meetings, will be at, in addition to the Hyatt Regency, the Sheraton Houston, the Savoy Houston and the Whitehall hotels. National Headquarters offices will be in the Market Place Exhibit Hall

at the Hyatt Regency. The Sons of The American Legion will be at the Whitehall Hotel. All are within walking distance of the Sam Houston Coliseum, site of the Convention's general sessions.

The Coliseum is part of a network of buildings that are connected by underground air-conditioned concourses. Visitors can park in below-ground garages and walk via the concourses to the Coliseum, the Convention Center, Performing Arts Center, Music Hall, City Hall, the Federal Building and the Alley Theater and never have to go outside.

Legionnaires will want to visit the Jessie H. Jones Performing Arts Center, one of the buildings in this network, which opened in 1966 and is the home of the Houston Symphony Orchestra, the Houston Grand Opera and the Houston Ballet Foundation; and tour the Alley Theater, a leading national repertory theater. It would be an easy and cool walk from the Convention floor to either one. In addition, there is a world of

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Dateline Washington

Second Battle of the Panama Canal

Proponents for turning the Panama Canal over to Panama at the end of 1999 hoped that the big battle was won last year when the Senate ratified the relevant treaties. But it now appears that a more critical battle is in the making.

The various steps involved in giving Panama increasing control over the Canal, until it takes completely over in 20 years, require implementing legislation from both chambers. The House has been increasingly showing reluctance with the giveaway. As expression of this negative reaction, the House this year has voted down both military and economic aid to the Central American republic.

Meanwhile, bills have been introduced in Congress to limit U.S. costs in the turnover, and even forbid any cost to the American taxpayers. Other legislation would give Congress annual control over canal management and finances pending total transfer. Both proposals have substantial support in Congress.

President Seeks Ban on Free Parking

Free parking for government workers—a boon for Federal employees and a bone in the throat of other citizens who must pay for their space—would be ended, if President Carter has his way.

As a small part of his latest energy conservation program, the Chief Executive has directed that tens of thousands of Federal employees—75,000 in the Nation's Capital—who get free or low-cost parking space pay the going rate for private space. The rate would go up half-way on October 1; all the way two years later.

The free parking issue has long been debated and dodged in Washington. President Carter said his order would reduce traffic, air pollution, and the use of gasoline.

The directive does not affect the 8,000 free spaces on Capitol Hill, enjoyed by Members of Congress, their staffs, and the press; but already some legislators are demanding that Congress follow suit.

Americans Among Healthiest, But . . .

Joseph A. Califano, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, has reported to the White House that Americans are among the healthiest people in the world but that the U.S. still has plenty of serious health problems.

On the plus side, Mr. Califano said, average life expectancy of our citizenry continues to increase; the overall death rate stands at an historic low; and infant mortality rates continue to decline.

However, heart disease and cancer, despite all the research going on, are still the two leading causes of death, accounting for nearly 60 percent of all death. Approximately 13 out of 100 deaths might have been prevented with appropriate medication intervention, according to the latest available figures. Cancer of the lungs was found to be on the rise.

Meanwhile, the HEW report noted health expenditures rose substantially, and individual health service costs have mushroomed, especially for physicians' fees and hospital care.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

Message To Men—"... we have transmitted a message to the young men of this country that they don't have an obligation to serve. It was a grave mistake in setting aside the Selective Service System." Retired Gen. William Westmoreland.

Appetite Makes Risk—"Much of the outer world depends on American agriculture the same way we have come to depend on the outer world for energy supplies. Our risks have grown as our appetite has grown." Energy Secretary James Schlesinger.

Oldest Game—"It's the oldest game in town. Duck the issue, then berate those who face it." Sen. Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.)

It's Demoralizing—"If a small Caribbean country . . . can send expeditionary forces around the world without penalty, whose practical consequence is to undermine the West . . . and we say we cannot do anything, this in itself is an admission of weakness that will demoralize our friends." Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Problem Of Profits—"You have to feed the cow instead of kick it if you want to get milk from it. The problem is not that profits are rising too fast but too slowly." Heath Larry, President National Association of Manufacturers.

Super-lunar Test—"Overcoming the worst aspects of absolute poverty by the year 2000 and restoring global economic efficiency are missions that require more research and development . . . than was required to land a man on the moon." James P. Grant, President Overseas Development Council.

Lawyer's Critic—"... members of the legal profession are contributing substantially to the erosion of values and institutions on which our societies are based. In their quest for money and power, many lawyers seem to have forgotten their obligations." Adm. Hyman G. Rickover.

U.S. The Ultimate—"In every other land, America . . . remains the ultimate in stability, opportunity, individual liberty, freedom and the unwavering intention to provide justice for all." Malcolm S. Forbes, Editor-in-chief *Forbes*.

Our Children?—"We have a generation of children growing up out of shape and mentally unimaginative largely as a result of television." Marilyn W. Black, 1979 Teacher of the Year.

Talking Friends?—"... I'm beginning to wonder if Americans, who are our friends, are all talk." Prime Minister Khalifa of Bahrain.

And So To Court—"So laws are passed that invite require-lawsuits to determine what they really mean. Some who are bothered by regulations hire clever lawyers to push up to the line that divides right from wrong, even at the risk of going over the line. And so while Congress sets policy, the courts often in effect 'write the law'." Alpheus Thomas Mason, Princeton professor.

TV Windup—"All three major networks seek to reach 100 percent of the market. When you do that, you wind up with the lowest common denominator in choosing programs." Charles D. Ferris, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission.

Legionnaires: depending upon your age you could get

Up to \$11,500 Life Insurance - \$24 a Year!

It sounds impossible, but it's true! And if your life insurance needs are greater, here's more good news. You can buy up to 6 units of American Legion Life Insurance at the same modest rate of \$24 per unit. That means you could be eligible for up to \$69,000 in insurance benefits for only \$144 a year! That's about 40¢ a day!

Once you're accepted into the plan, your premiums should never increase and you may continue this coverage for life. Many insurance policies terminate at age 65 or 70—just when you may need protection the most. As long as you pay your premiums, the Legion plan keeps working for you the rest of your life even though the amounts reduce at certain ages.

This fine life insurance plan has been designed exclusively for Legionnaires like yourself—non-members can't join the plan at any price. And the only place you can buy it is right here from this page.

You can apply as long as you are a Legion member in good standing, under age 70, and able to meet the underwriting requirements of the Insurance Company. For complete benefits and rates, see the chart below.

Is there a better way to provide your loved ones with the security they need and deserve? We urge you to take advantage of this exclusive opportunity by completing the Application below. Then, mail it today along with your check or money order for the amount of coverage you select.

BENEFITS—Annual Renewable Term Insurance (Policy Form GPC-5700-374)						
Benefits determined by age at death and include 15% SPECIAL INCREASE for deaths occurring during 1979. Maximum coverage limited to 6 units.						
Age at Death	6 Units	5 Units	4 Units	3 Units	2 Units	1 Unit
Through age 29	\$69,000.00	\$57,500.00	\$46,000.00	\$34,500.00	\$23,000.00	\$11,500.00
30-34	55,200.00	46,000.00	36,800.00	27,600.00	18,400.00	9,200.00
35-44	31,050.00	25,875.00	20,700.00	15,525.00	10,350.00	5,175.00
45-54	15,180.00	12,650.00	10,120.00	7,590.00	5,060.00	2,530.00
55-59	8,280.00	6,900.00	5,520.00	4,140.00	2,760.00	1,380.00
60-64	5,520.00	4,600.00	3,680.00	2,760.00	1,840.00	920.00
65-69	3,450.00	2,875.00	2,300.00	1,725.00	1,150.00	575.00
70-74*	2,277.00	1,897.50	1,518.00	1,138.50	759.00	379.50
75*-Over	1,725.00	1,437.50	1,150.00	862.50	575.00	287.50
Prorated Premium†	\$72	\$60	\$48	\$36	\$24	\$12

*No persons age 70 or over (including those desiring additional coverage) will be accepted for new insurance.

DEATH BENEFIT: When an insured Legionnaire dies, the beneficiary receives a lump sum payment once proof of death is received by the Insurance Company.

EXCLUSIONS: No benefit is payable for death as a result of war or an act of war, if death occurs while serving, or within six months after termination of service, in the military, naval or air forces of any country or combination of countries.

INCONTESTABILITY: Your coverage shall be incontestable after it has been in force during your lifetime for two years from its effective date.

APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO UNDERWRITER'S APPROVAL

†**PRORATED PREMIUM TO SEND WITH YOUR APPLICATION.** The premiums shown at left are for the remainder of 1979, for approved applications effective July 1, 1979. Premiums for applications approved for August 1 are proportionately less, by \$2 PER UNIT-PER MONTH, and any overpayments will be refunded. Premiums accompanying non-approved applications will be refunded in full.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Insurance becomes effective on the first day of the month coinciding with or next following the date the member's application is received in the office of the Administrator, subject to Insurance Company approval. Insurance may be maintained in force by payment of premiums when due.

IF YOU LIVE in FL, IL, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PR, TX, or WI send for special application. Applications and benefits vary slightly in some states. Make check or money order payable to The American Legion Life Insurance Plan.

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NOTICE OF DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

Information regarding your insurability will be treated as confidential except that Occidental Life Insurance Company of California may make a brief report to the Medical Information Bureau (M.I.B.), a non-profit membership organization of life insurance companies which operates an information exchange on behalf of its members. Upon request by another member insurance company to which you have applied for life or health insurance, or to which a claim is submitted, the M.I.B. will supply such company with the information it may have in its files.

Occidental may also release information in its file to its reinsurers and to other life insurance companies to which you may apply for life or health insurance, or to which a claim is submitted.

Upon receipt of a request from you, the M.I.B. will arrange disclosure of any information it may have in your file. Medical information will only be disclosed to your attending physician. If you question the accuracy of information in the Bureau's file you may seek correction in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. The address of the Bureau's information office is P.O. Box 105, Essex Station, Boston, Mass. 02112; Phone (617) 426-3660.

ENROLLMENT CARD FOR YEARLY RENEWABLE TERM LIFE INSURANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Full Name _____ Birth Date _____
Last First Middle Mo. Day Year

Permanent Residence _____
Street City State Zip

Name of Beneficiary _____ Relationship _____
Example: Print "Helen Louise Jones." Not "Mrs. H. L. Jones"

Membership Card No. _____ Year _____ Post No. _____ State _____

I apply for the amount of insurance indicated below, (check appropriate box or boxes).

6 Units ☐ 5 Units ☐ 4 Units ☐ 3 Units ☐ 2 Units ☐ 1 Unit ☐ ½ Unit ☐

The following representations shall form a basis for the Insurance Company's approval or rejection of this enrollment: Answer all questions.

1. Present occupation? _____ Are you now actively working?
Yes ☐ No ☐ If no, give reason _____
2. Have you been confined in a hospital within the last year? No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, give date, length of stay and cause _____
3. During the last five years, have you had heart disease, circulatory disease, kidney disease, liver disease, lung disease, diabetes, or cancer, or have you had or received treatment or medication for high blood pressure or alcoholism? No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, give details _____

I represent that to the best of my knowledge, all statements and answers recorded on this enrollment card are true and complete. I agree that this enrollment card shall be a part of any insurance granted upon it under the policy. I authorize any physician or other person who has attended or examined me, or who may attend or examine me, to disclose or to testify to any knowledge thus acquired.

Dated _____, 19____ Signature of Applicant _____
The American Legion offers this Insurance through Occidental Life Insurance Company of California, 5679
GMA-300-19 10-70 Home Office: Los Angeles, California (Univ.)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

I have received and read the Notice of Disclosure of Information at left. Further, I authorize any physician, medical practitioner, hospital, clinic, or other medical or medically related facility, insurance company, the Medical Information Bureau or other organization, institution or person having any records or knowledge of me or of my health to give Occidental Life Insurance Company of California any such information.

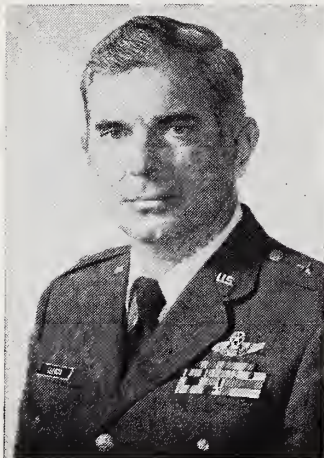
A photographic copy of this authorization shall be as valid as the original.

Dated _____, 19____ Signature of Applicant _____

☐ I apply for additional Legion Life Insurance. My present certificate number is _____

The Message Center

CONGRESSIONAL HOSTILITY TO CANAL TREATIES BUILDS . . . State Department officials are alarmed about the increasing resistance in the House to the Panama Canal treaties . . . The House recently rejected 272 to 117 a \$2.5 million aid bill for the Republic of Panama . . . State also lashed out at the contention of Rep. George Hansen (R-Idaho) that the price tag for the treaties will cost the taxpayers more than \$4 billion . . . State says the cost of turning over the canal and zone to Panama would run no higher than \$870 million, more than double the administration's previous estimate of \$350 million . . . Treaty costs keep climbing, the State Department notwithstanding.



Gen. Orlando Llenza

GENERAL LLENZA NAMED ADJUTANT GENERAL OF PUERTO RICO . . . Congress recently confirmed Orlando Llenza, a member of Puerto Rico Post 1 of The American Legion, to the grade of major general in the Air National Guard . . . Another first for the General Llenza is his appointment as Adjutant General of Puerto Rico, all others were members of the Army National

Guard. General Llenza also is the first Puerto Rican to hold the rank of major general in the Air National Guard.

WASPS FINALLY ADMITTED TO THE RANKS OF VETERANS . . . Some 34 years after the end of World War II, former Women Army Service Pilots have been welcomed to the ranks of veterans . . . Known as WASP, the group is composed of an estimated 900 women pilots who ferried military bombers, fighters and transport aircraft during World War II . . . Former WASPs, who were civilian employees of the military, became potentially eligible for certain VA benefits earlier this month when the Secretary of the Air Force certified WASP service would be considered active military service for purposes of VA benefits . . . The Air Force announced that WASPs should send applications for honorable discharges to the Air Force Military Personnel Center (HQ AFMPC/MPCDOAI), Randolph AFB, Texas 78143.

NEW DIRECTOR NAMED TO VA'S MEDICAL RESEARCH SERVICE . . . Betty G. Uzman, M. D., has been appointed director of the Veterans Administration's Medical Research Service . . . She now fills a position formerly held by Dr. Marguerite Hays, M. D., who recently became the first woman ever to be appointed VA assistant chief medical director for research and development.

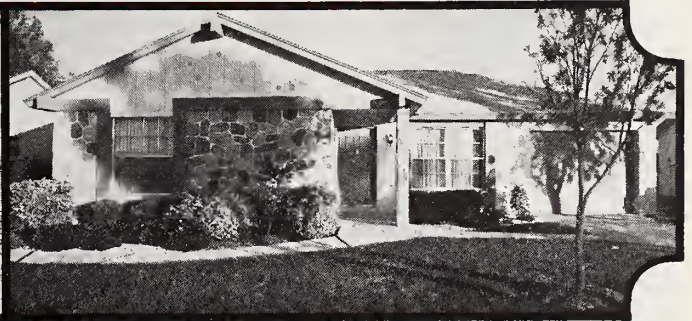
LEGION PROTESTS FUND REDUCTION FOR IMMIGRATION SERVICE . . . The American Legion has advised a House subcommittee of its concern in the FY 1980 budget request to fund the Immigration and Naturalization Service . . . The Legion noted that it is particularly alarming that a fund reduction has been requested when every available source of information on the subject describes the trend of illegal immigration in escalating terms.

REMINDER ON DISCHARGE REVIEW PROGRAM . . . Both the Defense Department and the Veterans Administration have issued reminders regarding veterans who received undesirable discharges of the opportunity to apply for a discharge review without regard to the normal 15-year period in which applications must normally be made. These provisions are contained in Public Law 95-126, and the deadline for applying is January 1, 1980. Applications for discharge review may be obtained from most military installations, VA regional offices and veterans service organizations.

DEVELOPMENT OF M-X MISSILE SYSTEM MEETS LEGION MANDATE . . . The Administration reportedly will ask Congress for \$1 billion to fund further development and initial deployment of the M-X missile system . . . This will meet the Legion's mandate for development of the system . . . The M-X system will replace the Minuteman fixed-silo system now deployed across North and South Dakota, Montana and other northern states . . . James Hubbard, director of The American Legion's National Security Division, reports the new missile system, designed to be mobile rather than fixed, is vital to the nation's defense, pointing out that "our Minutemen will become vulnerable to Russian targeting in the 1980s and we will need a follow-on missile to prevent them from first strike pre-eminence." . . . Hubbard, according to ALNS, added that three or four deployment systems now are being studied and the funding requested will determine which system is most feasible.

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Rep. James M. Hanley (D-NY) displays The American Legion's prestigious Legislative Award he received from National Cdr. John M. (Jack) Carey (left) for sponsoring and pushing through the "Hanley Amendment" that maintained guaranteed preference for veterans in federal employment. Congressman Hanley is a Legionnaire. He authored the "Hanley Amendment" that maintained guaranteed preference for veterans in federal employment and job retention during the last session of the 95th Congress. He now is Chairman of the House Postoffice and Civil Service Committee.

Legion Calls For Return to Active Draft

By Rod Anderson, ALNS Staffer

James Hubbard, assistant director of the National Security Division of The American Legion, in testimony before the Subcommittee on Military Personnel of the House Armed Services Committee, called for revitalization of the Selective Service System to adequately provide for the nation's defense in time of emergency.

Hubbard refuted each of the major arguments offered in opposition to a reinstitution of the draft.

Defense Department contentions that the All Volunteer Force concept has been an unqualified success are countered in part by their own figures which demonstrate that, while active duty forces have realized improvements in the quality and quantity of personnel, reserve capabilities have fallen far short of manpower requirements projected by the Defense Department in the event of military confrontation in Europe, he said.

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Gov. Richard W. (Dick) Riley of South Carolina (seated) gives a firm handshake to National Cdr. John M. (Jack) Carey as the governor's brother, E. P. (Pat) Riley Jr., and father, E. P. (Ted) Riley, Sr., look on. The governor, his brother and father are members of Greenville Post 3, the latter two being past commanders of the post. Commander Carey met with the governor, his brother and his father just prior to addressing the joint session of General Assembly of South Carolina at the state capitol in Columbia.



Gov. Arthur A. Link of North Dakota (center) presented American Legion awards to outstanding members of the 1979 Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. Shown left to right are Grand Forks Post 6 Cdr. Rudy Kraemer, Cadet Maj. Lee Jords (Military Excellence Award), Governor Link, Cadet 2nd Lt. Jerry Schneider (Scholastic Excellence Award), and Cadet 2nd Lt. David Rothchild (Military Excellence Award). Not shown is Cadet Lt. Col. Pamela Smith, winner of a Scholastic Excellence Award.



The four finalists in The American Legion's 42nd high school oratorical contests are, left to right, Fernando Baell Jr. of Philadelphia, Bruce A. Menin of Miami Beach, Fla., Jeffrey R. Gragalone of Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., and Paul T. Yarbrough of Las Cruces, N. Mex. Baell emerged as the oratorical champion.

Philadelphia Senior Captures National Oratorical Contest

By Dennis S. Miller, ALNS Staffer

Fernando Baell Jr., 17, a senior at Central High School, Philadelphia, Pa., captured The American Legion's 42nd annual high school oratorical contest at El Reno, Okla.

With the national championship, Fernando received a scholarship award of \$8,000 in ceremonies immediately following the contest in the El Reno High School auditorium.

The champion was one of four finalists selected from winners at the state, regional and sectional levels, each of whom delivered an eight to 10 minute prepared oration and a three to five minute extemporaneous oration on the U.S. Constitution and one of its amendments.

Young Baell's winning oration dealt with "Freedom of Speech: A Right and a Responsibility—a Privilege and a Protection of All Freedoms."

Second place and a \$5,000 scholarship went to Bruce A. Menin of Miami Beach, Fla., whose topic was "Rededication to the Constitution."

Third place, which was worth \$3,000 in scholarship money, was awarded to Jeffrey R. Gragalone of Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., who discussed the "Constitution and the Justice System," and fourth place was won by Paul T. Yarbrough of Las Cruces, N. Mex., who earned a \$2,000

scholarship for his oration dealing with the salvation of a free American society.

Commission Chairman Kane Succumbs to Heart Attack

Francis Patrick Kane, 71, chairman of The American Legion's National Security Commission, died of a heart attack after a minor traffic accident in Chicago, Ill.

A native of the city, he served as deputy commissioner, Department of Public Works, Chicago.

A veteran of World War II, Kane enlisted as a private in the army in 1933 and retired as a major general in the national guard in 1968. He formerly commanded the Illinois National Guard.

Robert (Bob) Patty Dies

Robert Hastings (Bob) Patty, 57, deputy director of the National Americanism and Children and Youth Division of The American Legion, died April 25 at his Indianapolis, Ind., home.

He had served with National Headquarters for 16 years.

An Army veteran of World War II and a graduate of Indiana University, he is survived by his wife, Christine, and three sons, Mark, Kevin and John.

Legion Opposes Veterans Redraft

The American Legion has gone on record as strongly opposing the re-drafting of veterans into active duty with the Armed Forces "unless and until the Selective Service System is revitalized and returned to full status and registration, classification, and induction of all personnel available under current law, is completed."

Acting on a National Security Commission resolution during the spring conference in Indianapolis, the Legion's National Executive Committee, the policy-making body of the organization between National Conventions, noted that the Administration has proposed ordering enlisted veterans who have completed their obligated service to active duty for refresher training and assignments to active armed forces units in the event of a national emergency.

"Neither this proposal nor any other recent proposals even consider the use of Selective Service to fill the ranks of the Armed Forces Reserves," the Committee added.

The resolution cited that the re-drafting of veterans in these circumstances "is unfair, inequitable and not in accordance with the duties and responsibilities that accompany citizenship in our nation."—ALNS



Glens Falls, N.Y. Post 233 Cdr. Orlando Scarselletta (left) presents the book, "The Fate of a Nation," to 29th District Congressman Gerald Solomon (center) as first Vice Cdr. Joseph P. Fiore looks on. A member of the post, Congressman Solomon told Legionnaires that he believes in a national defense second to none and promised to fight chipping away at veterans benefits.

NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES



Post 119 Cdr. H. A. Pucheu, past post and department Cdr. Hershel Ladner and Post First Vice Cdr. Oliver Huch (left to right) burn the mortgage.

Gulfport Post 119 Burns Its Mortgage

Joe Graham Post 119, Gulfport, Miss., celebrated The American Legion's 60th birthday with a mortgage burning, a family feed and a dance.

Mississippi National Executive Committeeman Ralph Godwin headed a delegation of district and department officials attending the festivities.

The 15-year \$215,000 Small Business Administration loan was made when Hershel Ladner was Post 119 commander.

The final payment check of \$111,405 was made last February.

KEEPING POSTED

Cape May County Goes All Out for Legion's 60th

The Board of Freeholders of Cape May, N.J., County proclaimed "American Legion Week" in observance of the Legion's 60th anniversary.

A lighted sign in front of the Cape May convention hall carried the message "Congratulations American Legion 60th Anniversary" during the week.

Jean Barger is commander of Harry Snyder Post 193, Cape May, and banner headlines in the Cape May Star and Wave proclaimed the anniversary. Publisher Thomas Hand is a member of Post 193.

Proclamation Salutes Sixty 50-Year Members

Sixty American Legion members of San Diego County, Calif., District 22 who have been Legionnaires for more than 50 years were honored at La Mesa Post 282's celebration of the Legion's 60th anniversary.

The honored Legionnaires average 83 years of age and they were the object of a county proclamation attesting to the "Over 50 Years as a Legionnaire Day."

The proclamation was presented to District Cdr. Jim O'Hara by Tom Hamilton, chairman of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.



Arkansas Dept. Cdr. C. R. (Bob) Kemp (left) presents Orren Welch (right), who signed up 202 new Legion members, with an American Legion jacket as Ellig-Stoufer Post 31 Cdr. Carl Atkins looks on.

Legionnaire Gets 202 New Members

Orren Welch of Ellig-Stoufer Post 31, Fort Smith, Ark., has signed on 202 brand new members of The American Legion between July 1, 1978, and March 1, 1979. If that isn't a world record, it's gotta be at least an Olympic record.

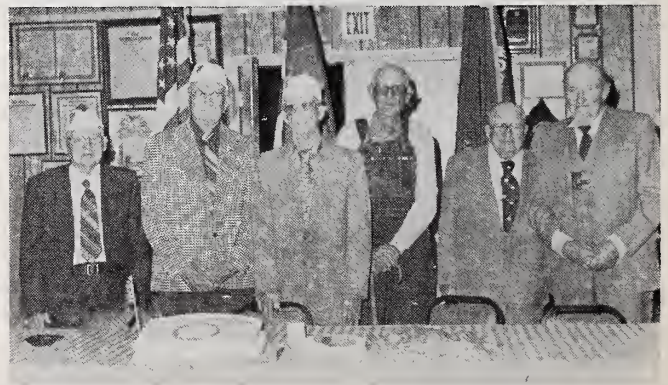
The post highlighted its 60th anniversary celebration by honoring its outstanding membership "go-getter."

He accomplished his tremendous effort by knocking on doors in the Fort Smith area and "selling" The American Legion.

Arkansas Department Cdr. C. R. (Bob) Kemp presented Welch with a Legion jacket during ceremonies at the post home. Post 31 now has a membership of 1,160, 342 of which are new this year.



Andalusia, Ala., Post 80 marked the Legion's 60th anniversary by honoring six 50-year members. Shown from left are Third Division Cdr. J. T. Raley, Frank McGraw, Robert F. Peacock, Ollie F. McVay, Randy Collum, Bird Benbow, Add Raborn and Post 80 Cdr. McDonald Williams.



World War I veterans were honored when Harris Anderson Post 75, Mineral Wells, Tex., celebrated the Legion's 60th anniversary. Shown from left are John Harbus, Al Lodal, Fred Parnell, who was a delegate to the Paris Caucus, Joe Sparks, D. C. Harris and A. H. Brackeen.

U.S. Foreign Policy: A Legion Overview

The highly complex nature of international developments—matters which for many years have been the exclusive domain of State Department “brain trusts” in Washington—is now becoming the concern of many Americans who question the effectiveness of the United States as a world leader. The making of foreign policy during the 1970’s has reflected a “noninvolvement” mentality born out of our unpleasant experience in Southeast Asia from 1964-1973.

Those nations which condemn democracy as a form of government that is obsolete and unmanageable have seized upon the “noninvolvement” mentality to work their will in all parts of the world. These nations have for several years continued a campaign to test both our national will and our national leadership. Unfortunately, they have succeeded in exposing our unwillingness to take effective countering actions.

Cuba, under the Soviet Union’s tutelage, has been “beating its chest” in Africa and prodding General Torrijos to kick the Americans out of Panama. We have countered by assuming a noncommittal role in Africa and ratifying two treaties to give away the Canal Zone.

The Soviet Union has masterminded a Marxist takeover in Afghanistan where our ambassador was recently gunned down after being taken hostage. Russia has also moved toward its objective of controlling the oil reserves of the Middle East by sponsoring military activity aimed at controlling the shipping lanes to those oil fields. Our response has been meek. In fact, we stood idly by and unilaterally assisted the Russians in their quest by ignoring the warning signals emanating from Iran, allowing that nation to collapse in open rebellion, Iranian leftists (probably communist-inspired) are now fighting for control of the oil fields there.

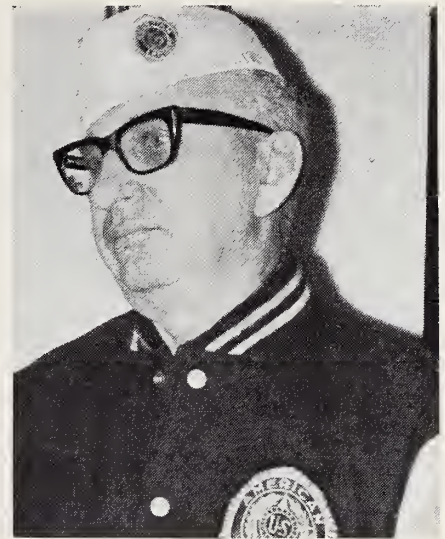
The Iranian debacle does not stand by itself as the only unwitting concession made by our foreign policy strategists. We have been very successful in alienating several of our traditional allies, as well. We have decided to withdraw U.S. ground troops from South Korea—a slap in the face to both South Korea and Japan. This decision was closely followed by the normalization of relations with mainland China without negotiating for Chinese assurances that Taiwan would be left unmolested. All of these nations have been strong supporters of the United States for 30 years, yet we jeopardize their friendship and, in fact, their security without any compensating withdrawals by the major communist powers.

Effective foreign policy demands consistency, reliability, and credibility; yet, we have demonstrated none of these traits during recent years.

The making of foreign policy has always been an executive power delegated to the President but the scenario outlined here has forced Congress to exert more influence on foreign policy decisions. Congressional objections to the troop pullout in South Korea, in association with revised intelligence estimates of North Korean strength levels, has prompted a temporary halt in troop removal. Administration sponsored legislation to implement the change in relations with Taiwan has met significant Congressional resistance and language is now being inserted to address Taiwan’s protection against invasion from the mainland. Legislation to implement the Panama Canal treaties is now being questioned on Capitol Hill, especially in the House where Members felt that their Constitutional authority to dispose of U.S. property was usurped by the President in negotiating the treaties without prior Congressional consent.

We, in The American Legion, view these actions by Congress as a healthy sign—perhaps signalling a reassertion of our desire to put the United States back in its proper place as the world’s leader. However, much is left to be done. Until our nation stops acting like it was beaten in Vietnam it will be difficult to convince our friends and foes around the world that we are ready to go about the business of foreign policy with the confidence and authoritativeness expected of us.

—From the National Legislative News Bulletin



Joe B. Hofer

South Dakotan Named Legionnaire of Month

Joe B. Hofer is a doer in all things American Legion. Therefore, the South Dakota Master at Arms and adjutant of Miller-Magee Post 32, Belle Fourche, S.D., has been selected as Legionnaire of the Month.

An Air Force veteran of World War II, he has served as department master-at-arms for the last 10 years and as past adjutant for 20 years.

In addition, he has held all post offices and has chaired many committees on Legion projects such as Boys State, Americanism and Baseball.

Hofer is an active volunteer at Veterans Administration hospitals and gives freely of his time and energy to community services.

He also has assisted many South Dakota veterans in obtaining veterans benefits. His son, Bruce, is a veteran of the Vietnam war.

“This fine, active Legionnaire never says no when it comes to Legion service,” says Post 32 Cdr. Pete Krush.

Post Presents Flags

Cdr. David Morrill of Hariman-Hale Post 18, Wolfeboro, N.H., presented the Community Center with American and New Hampshire State flags. Legionnaire Wilfred L. Peets, president of the Senior Citizen’s club accepted the flags.

NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES



Girl Explorer gets ready for Philmont's trails.

Philmont Ranch Ready for New Scout Season

The Philmont Scout Ranch and Explorer Base, operated by the Boy Scouts of America, will open its 1979 summer season June 19 at Cimarron, N. Mex.

This outdoor wonderland of camping and hiking covers 137,000 acres of the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rocky Mountains in northeastern New Mexico.

Philmont annually hosts 16,000 Scouts—boys and girls—and their leaders. Each Scout accepted for Philmont must be at least 14 years old and be in top physical condition.

Philmont will accept arrivals for High Adventure Expeditions every day between June 19 and August 10, and Cavalcades will be held June 20, 22, July 6, 8, 22 and 24.

Many Legionnaires take an active role in the Philmont program.

Further information can be obtained from the Boy Scouts of America, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902.

Education Alert Expanded

Special Veterans Administration efforts to alert Vietnam Era veterans to unused GI Bill education benefits, begun last year, are being expanded to a nationwide campaign in 1979. The awareness program, "Operation Boost," had focused on 11 states where GI Bill participation was under 50 percent.

TAPS

The Taps Notice mentions, whenever possible, those Legionnaires who have held high National or Department Office in the Legion, US government, or other forms of national prominence.

Chester D. Hirsch, 66, past department commander of Connecticut (1971-72) died in Stafford Springs, Conn.

Morgan B. Haven, 86, past department commander of Connecticut, died in New London, Conn.

Clarence W. Seymour, 94, past department commander of Connecticut (1921-22) died in Hartford, Conn.

Paul Doerfler, past department vice commander of Wisconsin, died in Kimberly, Wis.

Kenneth J. Pusey, former member of National Law and Order committee, died in Snow Hill, Md.

William J. Clarahan, past department vice commander of Michigan, died in Detroit.

Edwin H. Curtis, past department vice commander of Iowa, died in Chariton, Iowa.

Glenn D. Crawford, 82, American Legion National Comptroller from 1920 to 1960, died in Seal Beach, Calif. He was a veteran of both World War I and II. He was active in civic affairs during his residence in Indianapolis, Ind.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search for Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers. Please contact CID #____, The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

Battery B, 41st Coast Artillery. **Joseph T. Antczak** needs evidence of a hospital stay for a back injury sustained while stationed at Fort Kamehameha, Oahu, Hawaii in December, 1935. CID 573.

Company F, 136th Infantry Regt., 47 Division. **James B. Moncrief** needs witnesses to a back injury sustained while scaling a 25-foot wall during advanced infantry training at Camp Rucker, Ala., in April or May, 1953. CID 574.

Army. **Willard A. Clark** needs witnesses to sustain claim for knee injury suffered while climbing pole as a lineman in The Philippines in October, 1944. CID 575.

1st Fleet Marine Air Wing. **George David Greenhaw** needs witnesses to sustain claims to chest pains and lung fungus on a flight to New Caledonia from Guadalcanal May 1, 1944. CID 576.

USS Hawkins DDR 873. **Johnny M. Pace** needs verification of leg injury suffered while dragging anchor chain during ship repair at Norfolk, Va., Naval Base in September or October, 1949. CID 577.

Co. A, 21st Infantry Regt., 24th Infantry Division. **Kenneth Eugene Trent** needs witnesses to being hit in the back while assaulting a hill in Korea in February or March, 1951. CID 578.

Legion Calls For Return to Active Draft

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Hubbard responded to charges that the draft is unconstitutional with a quote from the first President of the United States, George Washington, who said that every American "owes to our Nation not only a portion of his property, but even of his own personal services to the defense of it."

He further cited the constitutional requirement to "provide for the common defense," and the power of Congress "to provide for calling forth the militia," saying that he doubted the drafters of that document intended restraints on the manner in which that militia was to be raised.

The Legion spokesman pointed to the basic principles of America's government, majority rule for the common good, in answering charges that the draft was "unfair and immoral."

"Is it morally wrong," asked Hubbard, "for that government to require certain of (its) individuals to serve in a capacity which defends that common good? I think not."

Hubbard registered the Legion's unalterable opposition to a proposal to consolidate the Selective Service System with the Department of Defense, saying, "The Selective Service System is too vital to the Nation's security to be subordinated in another agency. It provides the President and the Congress with an instrument by which contact can be maintained with the citizenry at the grass roots level through the Governors and local board members."

In his testimony, Hubbard urged the subcommittee to "issue a favorable report on legislation to revitalize the Selective Service System," pointing out that the agency hasn't even had a permanent director for two years.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unlisted life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors.

C. Byron Lear (1979), Post 62, Youngtown, Ariz.
 Herman LeMawski (1979), Post 197, Harbor Beach, Mich.
 Laurence Lincourt (1978), Post 616, Richfield Springs, N.Y.
 Arthur F. Mathis (1979), Post 62, Youngtown, Ariz.
 Eusibio Montanile (1978), Post 57, Waldwick, N.J.
 Octavio C. Nieves (1978), Post 53, Sanford, Fla.
 Stephen Pastuck (1978), Post 261, Piscataway, N.J.
 John G. Pels (1979), Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.
 Elliott Plummer (1979), Post 126, Jensen Beach, Fla.
 Walter V. Potter (1979), Post 10, Riverside, R.I.
 Lee Roehman (1979), Post 62, Youngtown, Ariz.
 Fred W. Rhodes (1979), Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.
 John P. Skramko (1978), Post 616 Richfield Springs, N.Y.
 Virginia V. Smith (1978), Post 53, Sanford, Fla.
 William Strough (1978), Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.
 A. Clyde Thornton (1977), Post 166, Detroit, Mich.
 Herb Ward (1979), Post 62, Youngtown, Ariz.
 Louis W. Wilson (1979), Harry Sullins Post 536, Vienna, Ill.
 Frank Abate, Ralph J. Brennan, Donald R. Cole, Joseph Galati, Herbert Gerber, William Loughheed, Edward S. MacDonald, Roy Sommers, Jasper Van Hook, Orle Van Dam, Charles A. Veronelli, Henry P. Withers (1979), Harry Coppendyke Post 171, Fairlawn, N.J.
 Woodson B. Butler, Calvin A. Jordan, Raynald La Marque, Herman G. Foulds (1979), Hawthorne, Calif., Post 314.
 Hal Goldman (1976), Sepulveda, Calif., Post 735.
 Raymond Hans (1979), Frandsen Levandowski Post 214, South River, N.J.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

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Earliest submission favored when volume of requests is too great to print all.

Army

22nd Gen. Hospital, WWII, ETO (July). Raymond S. Hedquist, 2019 South Mulford Road, Rockford, Ill. 61108.
 8th Armored Division Asso. (July). Henry B. Rothenberg, 134 North LaSalle Street, Suite 400, Chicago, Ill. 60602.
 1252nd Combat Engineer Bn. (July). George R. Moore, 207 Shockley Drive, R.D. 3, Birdsboro, Pa. 19508.
 XIII Corps Asso. (July). John Bitting, 10104 Quinby Street, Silver Spring, Md. 20901.
 42nd (Rainbow) Division. (July). Hank De Jarnette, 1207 31st Street, N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402.
 457th Ordnance Evacuation Co. (July). Robert E. Petherick, 260 Lathers, Garden City, Mich. 48135.
 466th AAA Bn. (July). William H. Yopp, 6 Sackett Point Road, North Haven, Conn. 06473.
 69th Signal Bn., 3rd Army. (July). Anthony Luciano, 31 Halmore Drive, Rochester, N.Y.
 352nd Ord. Maintenance Co. AA. (July). Ewing L. McKelvey, 9889 West 32nd Avenue, Wheat Ridge, Colo. 80033.
 504th M. P. Bn. (July). Charles Eling, 1548 West Street, Reading, Ohio 45215.

664th Topo. Engineers (July). Rudolph M. Malik, 104 Cramer Avenue, Bentleyville, Pa. 15314.
 591st Eng. Boat Regt. (August). Aloysius Steinlage, RR 1, Corning, Kans., 66417.
 786th Eng. Petroleum Distribution Co. (August). Ralph Rossignol, 1 Calixite Ln., Biddleford, Maine, 04005.
 82nd Ord. (August). Paul A. Niebrugge, RR 3, Effingham, Ill., 62401.
 6th Port. Hq. TC (August). R. E. Lee, 1718 Jackson St., Scranton, Pa., 18504
 811 Tank Destroyer Bn. (August). Ernest Corrado, 1302 Shanley Dr., Columbus, Ohio, 43224.
 745th Heavy Shop Co. (August). Harold E. Beam, RR 6, Box 380, Lockport, Ill., 60441.
 546th AAA-AW Bn., Btry. B (August). Charles Cailto, 4822 Poppleton St., Omaha, Nebr., 68106.
 899th Tank Dest. Bn. Co. A (August). Ellsworth Curmide, 642 S. Rutan St., Wichita, Kans., 67218.
 456th Ord. Evac. Co. WWII (August). George S. Parker, 60501 Grand River, New Hudson, Miss., 48165.
 117th Eng. Bn., 37th Div. WWII (August). G. K. Schubert, Box 85, Farmington, Wash., 99128.
 Co. C, 709th Tank Bn. WWII (August). Louis S. Montana, 437 E. Loudon St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19120
 489th Ord. Evac. Co. (August). Richard Ensley, 12804 Connecticut Ave., Wheaton, Md., 20906.
 1st Armd. Div. (August). Sal Marino, 9036 Royal St., Denver, Colo., 80221.
 693rd Eng. (August). Lawrence Ciaffone, 8 Corso St., Brooklyn, N.Y., 11223.
 Co. C, 240 Eng. Const. Bn. (August). Don Musser, 1658 8th St. NW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52405.
 368th Eng. WWII (August). Alex E. Andreski, 460 Bostwick Ave., Janesville, Wis., 53545.
 Btry. D, 460th Bn. AAA (August). Frank B. Ringler, 2003 Sherman St., Ft. Wayne, Ind., 46808.
 169th Inf. Cannon Co. (August). Joseph S. Robinet, 1722 Doctor's Dr., Pine Bluff, Ark., 71603.
 17th Airborne Div. (August). Joe Quade, 23 Westminster Dr., Montville, N.J., 07045.
 486th AA Arty. (August). Ronald V. Condon, 55 Blackman Pl., Bridgeport, Conn., 06604.
 4th Cav. Assn. (August). Mike Loberg, Annandale, Minn., 55302.
 80th Div. Veteran's Assn. (August). H. L. Rander, 211 E. Arcadia Ave., Peoria, Ill., 61603.
 178th Ord. Depot Co. WWII (August). Nelle Tenti, 419 Boyle St., Dunmore, Pa., 18512.
 21st Aviation Eng. (August). Calvin E. Eckert, RR 3, Box 316, Dillburg, Pa., 17019.
 778th AAA AW Bn. (August). Dominic Deoria, 319 Washington Ave., Phoenixville, Pa., 11460.
 182nd Eng. Bn., Co. C WWII (August). Robert Gossling, 1911 Portman Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45237.
 490th AA, Btry. B (August). Bethuel Schraishuhn, 1207 W. Hilton St., Philadelphia, Pa., 19140.
 295th Joint Assault Signal Co. (August). John G. Gantt, 2963 Renfrew St., Ann Arbor, Mich., 48105.
 45th Div., 279th Regt., 1st Bn., B Co. 1950-52 (August). Dick Aschoff, 2424 S. Hawthorne St., Sioux Falls, S. Dak., 57105.
 Co. E, 160th Inf., 40th Div. WWII (August). W. C. Jones, 2902 Casa Del Norte Dr., Albuquerque, N. Mex., 87112.
 534th AAA, Btry. A (August). Scottie Ervin, Rt. 2, Warsaw, Ind., 46580.
 33rd Merrill's Marauder's (August). Thomas J. Martini, 625 Archdale Dr., Apt. A, Charlotte, N.C., 28210.
 86th Div., Co. E, 338th Inf. (August). Gene DeFrance, 995 W Jackson St., Krebs, Okla., 74554.
 1138th Eng. Combat Gp. (August). Robert Talbot, RR 1, Walnut, Ill., 61376.
 5th Armd. Div. (August). Mrs. Claire Watrous, 8549 Lowell St., St. Louis, Mo., 63147.
 17th QM, Co. H., A, B and C (August). Fred B. Heigert, 1507 Walnut St., Goodland, Kans., 67735.
 808th Tank Destroyer Bn. (August). John W. Babb, 705 57th St., Vienna, W. Va., 26105
 116th Ord. MM Co. (August). Bert Coupe, 420 E. 7th St., Jerome, Ida., 83338.
 6th Inf. Div. (August). Jefferson A. Sherlin, 4415 Kenyon Rd., Little Rock, Ark., 72205.
 760th Tank Bn., Co. C (August). Charles Mendoza, 11308 Homestead St., Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 90670.
 32nd Inf. Div. (August). Anthony Cusmano, 16314 Carlisle, Detroit, Mich., 48205.
 617th OBAM Bn., Hq. and Service Co. (August). Adolph Penno 7653 W. Bryn Mawr St., Chicago, Ill., 60631.
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 69th Inf. Div. 661st TD Bn., and 777th Tank Bn. (August). Clarence Marshall, 101 Stephen St., New Kensington, Pa., 15068.
 217th Field Arty. Bn., 44th Div. Hq. Bn. (August). Jack Damro, 112 W 15th St., Kaukauna, Wis., 54130.
 37th Div. Veteran's Assn. (August). Jack C. Wander, 65 S Front St., Room 707, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.
 37th Div., Co. A, 148th Inf. (August). Robert Greek, Box 107, Montpelier, Ohio, 43543.
 95th Inf. Div. Assn. (August). Theodore S. Nelson, Box 1274, Chicago, Ill., 60690.
 16th Armd. Div. Assn. (August). Lester Bennett, 8-329 Rd. P3-R5, Napoleon, Ohio, 43545.
 112th Cav. (August). Claude R. Rigsby, Box 50681, Dallas, Tex., 75250.
 149th Inf. Assn. (August). Marion F. Williams, 2005 Redleaf Dr., Louisville, Ky., 40222.
 17th Airborne Div. (August). Vic Mittleman, 139 W. Plumstead Ave., Lansdowne, Pa., 19050.
 11th Armd. Div. (August). Al Pfeiffer, 2308 Admiral St., Aliquippa, Pa., 15001.
 622nd Ord. Bn. Assn. (August). Scott Staton, Rt. 6, Box 16, Hendersonville, N.C., 28739.
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 38th Eng. Regt. WWII (August). Richard Chmiel, 1708 Donald Pl., Silver Spring, Md., 20902.
 83rd Inf. Div. Assn. (August). Sam Klippa, 1500 Mutual St., Pittsburgh, Pa., 15204.
 A Btry., 127th AAA Gun Bn. (August). Kenneth M. Beaman, 2501 Jefferson St., Bellevue, Nebr., 68005.
 Co. G, 3rd Platoon, 27th Inf., 25th Div. (August). Bud Long, 1828 Jacobs St., Ft. Smith, Ark., 72903.
 504th Parachute Regt. 1942-45 (August). Warren R. Williams, Box 188, Blowing Rock, N.C., 28605.
 566 QM Railroad Co. (August). Jake Martell, 202 E Ash St., Caldwell, Ida., 83605.
 Btry. A, 403rd CA Bn. AAA (August). Elmer E. Hood, RR 3, Earlville, Ill., 60518.
 194th Field Arty. Bn. Gp. Hq. Btry. and 185th Field Arty. WWII (August). Raymond L. Behr, 523 11th Ave., DeWitt, Iowa, 52742.
 235th Observation Bn. (August). Robert Gamboe, Box 278, Pioneer, Ohio, 43554.
 270th Field Arty. Bn., Hq. Btry. (August). Dell E. McCuistian, Rt. 6, Box 650, Claremore, Okla., 74017.
 40th Eng. Bn. (August). Mrs. D. Byrnes, 3073 Firestone St., Sterling Heights, Mich., 48077
 3600th QM Trucking Co., 9th Armd., 1st Army (August). Edward A. Matchett, 1833 Shopiere Dr., Beloit, Wis., 53511.
 267th QM Baking Co. (August). Jack A. Palmer, 1968 Middle Bellville Rd., Mansfield, Ohio, 44904.
 809th Tank Destroyer Bn. WWII (August). Joseph Zalenski, 9928 Niver St., Allen Park, Mich., 48101.
 728th AT and 775th TD Bn. (August). Walter K. Freeland, 815 Mohave Ct., Elizabethtown, Ky., 42701.
 75th Station Hosp. (August). Ed Kickson, 433 Sycamore Rd., West Reading, Pa., 19611.
 656th-771st Tank Destroyer Bn. (August). Ben Brescia, 154 Malacca St., Akron, Ohio, 44305.
 D Co. 682nd ECB, 47th Div., 1953 (August). Harry Hight, 442 Ellis Ave., Colwyn, Pa., 19023.
 242nd Field Arty. Bn. (August). Paul Heureux, Box 48, Campbell, Nebr., 68932.
 279th Eng. Combat Bn. Assn. (August). Joseph Smith, 131 Love Ln., Norwood, Pa., 19074.
 B Co., 148th Inf. Regt., 37th Inf. Div. (August). Robert Bueher, 2421 Valleybrook Dr., Toledo, Ohio, 43611.
 5th Eng. Combat Veterans WWII (August). George Favallon, 7 Darvel Dr., Robbinsville, N.J., 08691.
 Co. B, 86th QM Bn. and 3482nd Ord. Co. WWII (August). Woodrow Catoe, Box 414-844 Robbins Circle, Chester, S.C., 29706.
 1256th Eng. ETO WWII (August). Nick Yacavone, 1426 Jersey St., Lake Milton, Ohio, 44429.
 204th Coast Arty. Anti-Aircraft Regt. WWII (August). Everett Bonnette, 3012 Drexel St., Shreveport, La., 71108.
 210th Ord. Bn. (August). Clarence Thomas, West Branch, Iowa 52358.
 84th Inf. Div. (August). C. H. Shook, Box 4096, Station B, Spartanburg, S.C., 29303.

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761st FA Bn. (August). Robert J. Rhoads, 135 Joseph Avenue, Johnstown, Pa. 15902.
 14th Tank Bn., 9th Armored Division (August). Dee Paris, 13110 Holdridge Road, Silver Spring, Md. 20906.
 476th AAA Bn. (August). Horace Ring, 351 Ocala Drive, Nashville, Tenn. 37211.
 517th Parachutists (August). Melvin B. Edwards, 2117 67th Street, Lubbock, Tex. 79412.
 Co. C, 128th Inf., 32nd Division & 135th Med. Regt. Band (August). Ray Tippelet, 115 East 5th Street, Marshfield, Wis. 54449.
 74th-372nd Association (August). Elmer G. Boyd, P.O. Box 95, Sparta, Ohio. 43350.
 693rd Engineer B.E. Co. (August). Anthony Campana, 908 58th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11219.
 1st M.P. Co. (August). James H. Swope, P.O. Box 305, Temperance, Mich. 48182.
 81st Infantry Division WWII (August). Robert M. Schweis, 2842 South Emerald Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60616.
 582nd & 641st Ord. Co. and 100 & 101st Bns. (August). J. S. Hinton, 251 George Lemon Drive, McDonough, Ga. 30253.
 101st Airborne Division (August). George Koskimaki, P.O. Box 101AB, East Detroit, Mich. 48021.
 Co. D, 32nd Armored Regt., 3rd Armored Division (August). John R. Tucker, 447 Phillips Drive, Wichita Falls, Tex. 76308.
 95th Inf. Div. Asso. (August). 95th Inf. Div. Asso. Hqts., P.O. Box 1274, Chicago, Ill. 60690.
 National Timberwolf (104th Division) Asso. (August). Angelo Mariano, 754 Barracks Street, New Orleans, La. 70018.
 Hqts. Co. 1126th Engineers Group (August). Bruce Kurzweg, 3529 East Kent Avenue, Laureldale, Pa. 19605.
 3rd FA Observation Bn. (August). Walter Caldwell, 2449 East Livingston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43209.
 282nd FA Bn. (August). George T. Chalfant, 108 Michigan Avenue, Marietta, Ohio 45750.
 Battery A 893rd AAA AW Bn. (August). Carl Wenzel, 131 West Spruce Street, East Rochester, N.Y. 14445.
 32nd Inf. Division Veterans Asso. (August). Anthony Cusmano, 16314 Carlisle Drive, Detroit, Mich. 48205.
 110th Infantry Service Co., 28th Division (August). William Zozula, P.O. Box 286, Scottsdale, Pa. 15683.
 110th QM Bakery Co., 5th Army (August). Harry Tucker, 510 Burton Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27608.
 Co. L, 152nd Infantry, 38th Division (August). Fred A. Kirkendall, 109 MaryMac Drive, Warsaw, Ind. 46580.
 44th Engineering Combat Bn. Asso. (August). Bill Squires, Versailles Route 2, Ind. 47042.

Navy

USS Salinas. (July). Jim Rankin, Route 2, Ashland, Tenn. 37015.
 USN MCB 12 (Seabees), Danang, So. Vietnam (July). Bob Williams, P.O. Box 48, Ludlow, Vt. 05149.
 58th SeaBees Asso. (July). John J. Dillman, Route 4, P.O. Box 4960, Ocean Pines, Berlin, Md. 21811.
 USS Picking DD 685 (July). Bill Ruprecht, 10027 Manoa, Brooklyn, Ohio 44144.
 1st Beach Bn. (July). John Payne, 9231 First-view Street, Norfolk, Va. 23503.
 PT Boaters (Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky) (July). Cyril Kloeker, Box 205, Union, Ky. 41091.
 29th SeaBees (August). Hugh Hancock, 531 Lowell Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220.
 USS Chaffinch (AM 81) & USS Goldcrest (AM80) (August). Tom Gaffney, 25 Dionne Drive, Manchester, N.H. 03102.
 USS Los Angeles (CA-135) (August). David Looney, 11720 Chess Drive, Bridgeton, Mo. 63044.
 P.T. Boats, Inc. (August). "Boats" Newberry, P.O. Box 109, Memphis, Tenn. 38101.
 93rd SeaBee Bn. (August). Frank L. Storer Jr., 3462 West Lincolnshire, Toledo, Ohio 43606.
 123rd SeaBee Bn. (August). Robert V. Peevler, P.O. Box 92, Mellott, Ind. 47958.
 63rd SeaBee Bn. (August). Alice A. Hak, 20220 Maxine, St. Clair Shores, Mich. 48080.
 USS Helena (CL-50) (August). Bill Bunker, 450 Adams Street, Sierra Madre, Calif. 91024.

Air Force

98th Bomb Group (H) Veterans Asso. (July). Walter H. Bolling Jr., Route 3, P.O. Box 67, Gonzales, La. 70737.
 47th Bomb Group (July). George C. McElhoe, 6694 Nelson Street, Arvada, Colo. 80004.
 1406th Air Transport Cmd. (August). John Vaselenak, 43 Delaware Ave., Uniontown, Pa., 15401.
 6th Photo Sq. (August). Howard M. List, 247 Central St., Battle Creek, Mich., 49017.
 75th Air Depot Wing, 1952-55 (August). Vern Wriedt, 2121 Cedar St., Davenport, Iowa, 52804.
 19th Supply Sq., 19th ADG (August). Kingsley Young, Box 7091, Gulfport, Miss., 39501.
 388th Bombardment Gp. H Asso. (August). Ed Huntzinger, Box 965, Cape Coral, Fla., 33904.
 450th Bomb Sq., 322nd Bomb Gp. WWII (August). Eugene Allen, 412 Homer Rd., Minden, La., 71055.
 303rd Bomb Gp. (August). Joe Vieira, Box 8531, Hollywood, Fla., 33024.
 355th Fighter Gp. (August). Gordon Hunsberger, 75 Congo Rd., Gilbertville, Pa., 19525.
 20th Air Force (August). Richard M. Keenan, Box 5534, Washington, D.C., 20016.
 58th Bomb Wing Asso. (August). Joseph E. Pokraka, 1730 Laporte Ave., Whiting, Ind., 46394.
 10th Air Depot Gp. Asso. (August). William V. Bowman, 3844 Waterbury Dr., Dayton, Ohio, 45439.
 49th Service Sq., 36th Air Base Gp. WWII (August). Mack H. Grass, 2236 Kern St., Charlotte, N.C., 28208.
 43rd Service Sq. (August). Robert W. Hamilton, 2104 Clark St., Boise, Ida., 83705.
 13th Troop Carrier Sq. (August). D. J. Finelli, 1027 Bell Ave., Yeadon, Pa., 19050.
 355th Fighter Gp. Asso. (August). Gordon H. Hunsberger, Box 71, 75 Congo Rd., Gilbertville, Pa., 19525.
 30th Air Depot Gp. WWII (August). John T. Richey, 531 Belmont Park N, Dayton, Ohio, 45405.
 407th Bomb Sq., 92nd Bomb Gp., England WWII (August). George L. Reynolds, 710 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus, Ohio, 43206.
 83rd Bomb Sq., 12th Bomb Gp. WWII (August). L. Everett Berry, 2710 Independence Pl., Grove City, Ohio, 43123.
 452nd Bomb Gp., 8th AF, England WWII (August). R. Blaylock, Box 2536, New Bern, N.C., 28560.
 485th Bomb Gp., 831st Sq. (August). Howard Woodyard, 3539 Butternut Dr., Lambertville, Mich., 48144.
 19th Bombardment Asso. (August). Herb Frank, 90-13 201st St., Hollis, N.Y., 11423.
 355th Fighter Group (August). Gordon H. Hunsberger, 75 Congo Road, Gilbertville, Pa.
 303rd Bomb Group (August). Joe Vieira, P.O. Box 8531, Hollywood, Fla. 33024.
 B-24 Low Level POW's Aug. 1, 1943, Ploesti, Rumania, Oil Fields (August). Francis W. Doll, 5825 Laramie Circle, El Paso, Tex. 79924.
 452nd Bomb Group, 8th Air Force (August). Don Hopkins, P.O. Box 45, King of Prussia, Pa. 19406.
 17th Bomb Group, 34th, 37th, 95th, 432nd Squadrons (August). Bill Frymire, 4810 Garden Place, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80907.
 828th Squadron, 485th Bomb Group (August). Robert S. Deeds, 4643 286th Street, Toledo, Ohio 43611.
 529th Fighter Squadron, 311th Bomb Group (August, 1980). Basil A. Herbst, Route 8, Box 175, Brainerd, Minn. 56401.
 85th, 86th, 87th Squadrons, 79th Fighter Group (August). Frank E. Sanders, 126 East Norman Place, Broken Arrow, Okla. 74012.

Marine

2nd Marine Div. Asso. (August). Division Coordinator, 320 S Chestnut St., Fresno, Calif., 93702.
 Honolulu NAS, Jan.-Dec., 1944 (August). Stanley G. Jerkins, 9943 S Spaulding Ave., Evergreen Park, Ill., 60642.
 Marine Air Group 25-SCAT WWII (August). Donald R. Raney, Box 668, Harrison, Ark., 72601.
 4th Marine Amphibian Tractor Bn. (August). John Benedict, 26741 N Shore Dr., Beloit, Ohio, 44609.
 Marine Barrack, Panama Canal Zone 1941-45 (August). Frank Nowakowski, RD 2, Box 221, Stockton, N.J. 08559.
 12th Defense Bn. (August). Martin Valdez, 680 Casmalia Way, Sacramento, Calif. 95825.

Miscellaneous

Bataan-Corregidor Survivors and other Far East POW's (August). Wayne Carringer, Box 46, Robinsville, N.C. 28771.
 China-Burma-India Veterans Asso. (August). Tony Colombo, 3814 East Poinsetta Drive, Phoenix, Ariz. 85028.
 Pearl Harbor Survivor's Assn. (August). James E. Tracy, Box 9212, Long Beach, Calif., 90810.
 Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans (August). Graydon E. Cadwell, Box 1141, Minneapolis, Minn., 55440.
 36th Texas Div. Asso. (August). L. E. Wilkerson, 11121 Visalia Dr., Dallas, Tex., 75228.
 Christmas Island WWII (August). David T. Bunte, 120 Arch Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., 15202.
 USS Creon ARL 11 (August). Joseph J. Leick, 1720 Vermont Ave., Boise, Ida., 83706.
 Naval Air Transport Sq., Inc. (August). Alvin R. May Jr., 1015 W South Ave., Independence, Mo. 64050.
 107th USN Seabees (August). Charles E. Taylor, 7504 E 107th St., Kansas City, Mo., 64134.
 USN Base Hosp. 18 (August). Herbert Kagle-macher, 3561 Boulder Crest Rd., Ellenwood, Ga., 30049.
 Navy Cryptologic Veteran's Assn. (August). Jack Regan, Box 113, Deadwood, S. Dak., 57732.
 43rd Seabee Bn. Assn. WWII (August). Thomas A. Gifford, 100 Ives St., Waterbury, Conn., 06704.
 USS The Sullivans DD 537 (August). Robert Sander, 325 Thatcher Ave., River Forest, Ill. 60305.
 USS Franklin CV 13 (August). Alvin Tidwell, 5316 Overton Rd., Nashville, Tenn., 37220.
 73rd Naval Const. Bn. (August). Charles Barnes, 412 Merritt St., Ft. Worth, Tex., 76114.
 USS Vincennes CA 44 CL 64 (August). John Kelly, 15 Maple St., Franklin, Ohio, 45005.
 USS Cavalla SS 244 (August). Rudy Cieplenski, 8803 Kohler Rd., Sauquoit, N.Y., 13456.
 USS Honolulu CL 48 (August). Jim Jeanguenat, 610 S Euclid Ave., Villa Park, Ill., 60181.
 71st Const. Bn. (August). Fred Balke, Rt. 2, Box 227, Crestwood, Ky., 40014.

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Footnotes to D-Day

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achieved. Nonetheless, when the MODICUM mission flew back across the Atlantic several days later, we all felt that our concepts had received at least tacit acceptance.

The harmony was short-lived. In the weeks and months that followed, we learned that our British allies had embraced the American plan with tongue in cheek. Countless projects stood higher on their list of operational priorities than a move across the channel. "We do indeed favor a cross-channel operation," their leaders frequently assured us, "if and when the circumstances are right." Unfortunately, far too many seasons would pass before those circumstances were ever "right."

Concerned first and foremost with the world-wide communications that sustained both the United Kingdom and the members of the Commonwealth, Mr. Churchill and his advisors quite understandably looked first to their defense. British attitude toward Europe was accordingly one of caution. The Prime Minister especially favored and promoted all sorts of "eccentric" enterprises, including operations to open the Mediterranean, to secure Gibraltar and Suez, to threaten the supposedly soft "underbelly" of the Balkan area, to seize outposts in Norway or Africa, and to weaken the enemy through cleverly contrived attrition. From the American point of view, this approach (which our planners came to call "periphery pecking") unwisely jeopardized prospects for the early and complete victory which, for all intents and purposes, would dissolve the problems of the periphery. We felt, too, that memories of the carnage of 1914-1918—at Passchendaele, the Somme, and elsewhere, to say nothing of the more recent experience of Dunkirk—had unduly predisposed our British brothers-in-arms against battle on the continent, regardless of the fact that greatly improved tactical and strategic mobility had broken the stalemate of the trenches.

As a result of these disagreements, Allied strategy in the fateful summer of 1942 was marked by friction and uncertainty. While we Americans strained to produce weapons and train forces for BOLERO, as well as for the Pacific wars, unfolding crises placed ever-new demands on our still painfully inadequate resources. The



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British pleaded for greater allocations of munitions and supplies: of bombers to step up the attack on the continent, of tanks to withstand Rommel's blows in Libya, and especially of shipping to replace the scores of vessels that were going to the bottom every week. They continued to exercise their traditional powers of persuasion on American policymakers, principally the President.

Early in June, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten arrived in Washington and was closeted with the President. A man of great charm, Mountbatten spent several hours at the White House reviewing all aspects of the war. During the course of this meeting (attended, on the American side, only by the President and Harry Hopkins), the Admiral communicated serious misgivings about BOLERO and ROUNDUP. He pointed out that no effort of that sort had any chance of diverting significant strength from the Eastern front. He recalled the President's strongly expressed desire to help the hard-pressed Russians and to give American soldiers an opportunity to fight "as soon as possible." When the President conceded that it might be unwise "to send a million soldiers to England and find, possibly, that a complete collapse of Russia had made a frontal attack on France impossible," the heads-up Admiral detected a made-to-order opportunity. "Do not lose sight of the advantages of a major Allied invasion of Northwest Africa," he advised.

BOLERO and ROUNDUP were placed in further jeopardy when, later in the month, the Prime Minister himself arrived from London. He and the President met first in seclusion at Hyde Park; then the two heads of government journeyed to Washington for a crucial series of meetings with their combined military staffs. Mr. Churchill now attacked the American plan directly, and with great force and eloquence. Events would not wait, he argued, until necessary forces were assembled for the cross-channel ROUNDUP operation a year hence. Although the Russians faced potentially decisive battles in the months immediately ahead, and were clamoring for an Anglo-American blow against the enemy to relieve the pressure, vital Allied interests in the Mediterranean remained threatened and unprotected. The British people were demanding action, and the morale of their armed forces could not be sustained through a whole year of preparation.

The invasion, the Prime Minister insisted, will convert the English Channel into a "river of blood;" it is one of the few undertakings which, if it fails, can alone lose the war for the Allies. By far the most promising course, he declared, lies in a speedy invasion of Northwest Africa. With African shores of the Mediterranean cleared of Axis forces, consideration might then be given to the opportunities presented for approaching Europe either through southern France, Sicily and Italy, or the Balkans. With a sweeping gesture across a large map of the area, he traced the path of a maneuver of continental dimensions: from Britain southward along the littoral of North Africa, and back across the Mediterranean and Europe.

At a climactic session at the White House on Sunday, June 21, we Americans had an opportunity to defend the American plans against these Churchillian blasts. Our defense, as before, rested on the many advantages, military and political, of delivering a decisive blow where it counted most, and at the most propitious time. It was emphasized that urgent demands on our resources did, and always would, exceed the means available, but that these demands had to be brought under strictest discipline to avoid frittering away our strength on secondary, indecisive objectives.

Although no firm decisions were announced at this meeting, it soon became apparent that the President had shifted his ground in the direction of the British position. Neither BOLERO nor ROUNDUP was explicitly abandoned, but the fact that an invasion of Northwest Africa was ordered for the late summer of 1942 indefinitely postponed them. Preparations for TORCH began immediately and, as we had expected, resources originally intended for BOLERO were quickly diverted. The commitment of hundreds of thousands of Allied troops to the new fronts in Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia generated recurring demands for vast tonnages of equipment, shipping, landing craft, and support of every conceivable category. It was as if a great devouring vortex had opened into which resources that might have been concentrated for the main event were ineluctably drawn.

I made a study of U.S. troop dispositions after the Casablanca Conference (January, 1943), and discovered that approximately one-half

million American soldiers were then overseas. Of that number, 295,000 were in the Mediterranean area—instead of the 195,000 that the British had agreed upon. 125,000 were in the Pacific, instead of the programmed 80,000. Only 70,000 were in the British Isles instead of the 150,000 who were supposed to have been there preparing for the invasion. A disproportionate number of landing craft earmarked for BOLERO-ROUNDUP were being used in the Mediterranean and in the Far East. Air and naval campaigns to soften up the continent and cripple the German war-making potential were likewise delayed. It was not until March, 1943, that we Americans were able to put even 100 bombers into the air over Europe with any regularity.

Continuing differences in strategic emphasis kept tensions at high levels within the combined staffs. So bruising did these conflicts at times become within Eisenhower's Allied Command that all the General's talents as a peacemaker were required to maintain effective cooperation. Admiral Ernest J. King, Chief of Naval Operations, became so annoyed at the extent to which American forces and supplies were being applied to what he considered narrowly British objectives that he urged the United States to strike out along its own lines. Noting that the Germans were not apt to invade Britain, he proposed a shift of American forces to the Pacific Theater to defeat the Japanese, then a return to Europe to finish Hitler. In the meantime, he argued, the Germans and Russians could continue to chew each other up in Europe.

On one very important matter—that of having Anglo-American forces in control of Western Europe at war's end—British and American military leaders were happily in complete accord. None of us shared the hopeful fantasy of some political and intellectual leaders that a grateful Stalin eventually would join the West in creating a brave new world of peace, freedom, and prosperity. We had no doubt that the Red Army, once resistance in the East had crumbled, would halt its westward march only when and if it encountered effective opposing forces.

My own responsibilities for strategic planning came to an end in the late summer of 1943. By that time, I had witnessed the campaign in North Africa proceed to a victorious conclusion, only to be followed by a further major invasion of Sicily.

The conquest of Sicily subsequently led, in accordance with "peripheral" logic, to the toe of Italy, and thence, in a costly campaign, up the boot of the peninsula. My new assignment took me to the opposite end of the earth—to India—where I served first as American Chief of Staff in the Southeast Asia Allied Command under Admiral Mountbatten. In the following year, I was assigned to China, relieving General Joseph Stilwell as the U.S. Theater Commander and American Chief of Staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. There was some evidence that Mr. Churchill played an expedient role in my departure from Washington. That departure (and promotion) were recognition, I suppose, for the role I had played in heading him off at the Balkan passes.

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Under sustained American pressure, the cross-channel operation originally planned for 1943 was now scheduled for June of 1944. The invasion (renamed OVERLORD) became more acceptable to the British in April of that year when reports were received of a major new system of secret weapons poised on the continent for what Hitler boasted would be a knockout blow against Britain. Some fifty launching sites for the new weapons (self-propelled flying "buzz bombs") had been identified by the end of May and their intensive use, it was learned, would begin on June 12. These revelations naturally added considerable urgency to preparations for an Allied invasion. Adequate amphibious equipment and landing craft were now available. Losses of Allied shipping caused by Nazi U-boats had also been drastically reduced as a result of the more effective use of destroyer escorts and aircraft directed by the secret intelligence of ULTRA.

By the first week in June, all was in readiness. On D-Day—June 6, 1944—the largest air armada and amphibious force ever assembled assaulted the coasts of Normandy and promptly established firm lodgments. The decisive operation so long urged by American military leaders at last was under way. It succeeded.

Allied armies subsequently fought their way across France, against stiff opposition, and by late autumn had reached the heavily defended borders of Germany. France and the low countries had been liberated. In mid-December, concealed by several days of dense fog and heavy snowstorms, the Germans concentrated a

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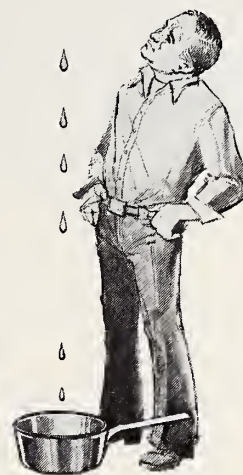
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massive armored force in the Ardennes Forest. Achieving complete surprise, they launched a strong attack through most difficult terrain. Their armored columns opened a wide gap in the Allied line, and drove westward some fifty miles toward the channel ports. By the time the Allies had regained their balance and restored the lines, Soviet armies on the Polish front already were driving toward Berlin. As the war drew to its weary and welcome close several months later, American and Russian forces met not on the Vistula but on the Elbe. All of Central Europe, the Balkans, and almost two-thirds of Germany were in the hands of the Red Army.

The Third Reich and its armed forces lay in smoking ruins. In that sense, the war in Europe had been won, and it is hard to quarrel with such success. It is important that we probe the past critically, however, and inquire at times what might have been. What difference would it have made, for example, had the invasion been launched in 1943 instead of 1944?

I remain convinced that the cross-channel invasion could have succeeded at the earlier date, had the buildup of Allied forces been determined and energetic. Only twenty-nine German divisions in France and the Low Countries faced the Allies at that time (and these were divisions of inferior quality), whereas twice that number—fifty-eight—awaited the invaders in 1944. The degree to which Hitler would have been able to shift forces from the East to meet a threat of invasion in 1943 is of course conjectural. The extent of his involvement at the time with Stalingrad and its aftermath, however, suggests that he could have done little more than he did a year later. Moreover, the Atlantic Wall facing Britain received heavy reinforcement during 1943 and 1944 under the skillful direction of none other than Rommel himself. This factor obviously rendered the French coasts a much more difficult nut to crack at the later date.

During the past several years, historians and journalists have revealed much about the secret wars of intelligence and counter-intelligence that seethed beneath the surface of public events. One revelation of this type that sheds light on the issue of invasion (and indeed on the entire conduct of the war) concerns an amazing invention of the Germans called ULTRA. ULTRA was a device for encoding and decoding mes-

sages which made it possible to communicate electronically or in writing with utmost speed and secrecy. So intricate was the system that the Germans remained absolutely confident of its inviolability. Fortunately for us, the system was "broken" early in the war by British cryptographers, and thereafter was turned upon its creators as a weapon of inestimable power. Allied leaders regularly received ULTRA information, including copies of orders from Hitler to his field commanders, often before the messages were in the hands of the addressees themselves.

Not least of any of the many windfalls provided by ULTRA was information on the location, condition, and missions of enemy units throughout the entire theater. At El Alamein, General Montgomery knew in advance through ULTRA all of the details of Rommel's situation and battle plans, including even the state of his adversary's health. Such information obviously gave Allied leaders at all levels tremendous and often decisive advantages. I have no doubt that it would have conferred similar advantages on the commander of an invasion force in 1943.

Thanks to the recent exposés of ULTRA and other wartime secrets, we are now in a position to appraise Allied conduct of the war in Europe from new perspectives. Throughout the war, we are told, intelligence agencies obtained and reported clear evidence of strong opposition to Hitler among top military and political circles in Germany. Many influential and powerful Germans, convinced that Hitler's mad ambition was leading the nation to destruction, repeatedly sought the cooperation of the Western Allies in schemes to overthrow the Nazis and secure a negotiated peace. To this end, some were even prepared to facilitate an Allied invasion of the continent.

One group of conspirators—the so-called Schwarze Kapelle—conducted what must be recognized as one of the most daring and extraordinary cloak-and-dagger operations of all time. Headed by Rear Admiral Wilhelm Franz Canaris, Chief of the German secret intelligence service, this group included such important figures as General Ludwig Beck, Field Marshal Guenther von Kluge, General Franz Halder, General Hans Speidel, Karl-Friedrich Goerdeler, Count Claus von Stauffenberg, and many others. Even Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was eventually brought into the conspiracy.

Time and again throughout the war, important items of intelligence useful to the Allies reached Eisenhower's SHAEF Headquarters through the good offices of Canaris himself. On two occasions, Schwarze Kapelle made daring but unsuccessful attempts on Hitler's life. On March 14, 1943, they placed a bomb aboard a plane carrying the Fuehrer back to Berlin from a visit to the Eastern Front. Unfortunately, the bomb failed to detonate because it had been placed in an unheated compartment, and the acid which would have activated the detonator froze solid. A second attempt was thwarted on July 20, 1944, when a briefcase containing a bomb intended for Hitler and other top Nazis was inadvertently displaced from its intended position beneath a conference table. Although the explosion caused some deaths, Hitler was injured only slightly. This plot had been carefully laid so that the assassination would trigger a series of further events throughout the Reich, and forces loyal to the conspirators were prepared to seize control of the government. Again, unfortunately, the plans miscarried.

Remarkable as it now seems, the reaction of both Churchill and Roosevelt to all these reports of German dissidence was continually hostile. At the Casablanca Conference in January 1943, their attitude found unequivocal public expression in a call for "unconditional surrender." Elliott Roosevelt relates how his father used the words (made famous in an earlier conflict by General U. S. Grant) somewhat casually at a luncheon with the Prime Minister and Harry Hopkins. Hopkins said he liked the expression, and Churchill, grinning, declared it "perfect." Thus was born a slogan that was to prolong the war and work incalculable mischief in the future. Nazi leaders, notably Propaganda Minister Josef Goebbels, seized upon the doctrine of Unconditional Surrender to convince the German people that they had no alternative to fighting to the death under the Nazi banner. Goebbels' task was made easier when the substance of the vindictive Morgenthau Plan to reduce Germany to a state of agricultural peonage became known. Efforts at resistance in Germany were thus gravely handicapped, for dissidents had no place to turn for outside support.

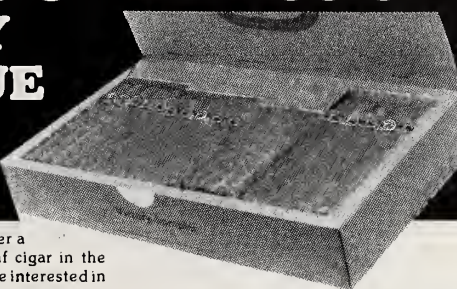
Several attempts were made early in 1944 to persuade President Roosevelt to modify his policy, but he

remained adamant. On one occasion, the U.S. Chief of Staff recommended that the United States continue to demand the unconditional surrender of the Wehrmacht, but make it clear that the Allies had no intention of destroying the German people or nation. This announcement, the Chiefs argued—and General Eisenhower at SHAEF agreed—would reduce German resistance to the upcoming invasion. The President, in a response which the journalist Anthony Cave Brown had described as “ringing with vengeance,” rejected the advice of his military advisors. One final attempt was made to persuade Churchill and Roosevelt to modify the Unconditional Surrender policy in the interest of facilitating the drive into Germany. On May 23, 1944—only two weeks before D-Day—British intelligence reportedly made a highly significant report to SHAEF based on confidential contacts with the Germans. It read in part: “If the first weeks of invasion indicate that the [Allies] cannot be stopped, high-ranking officers of the German Army, recognizing the war-weariness of the German people, may act quickly against Hitler...” In other words, if the forthcoming invasion were successful, an opportunity was presented for a negotiated surrender that would avoid the tremendous loss of life and devastation that would accompany continued hostilities. Such a move, it should be noted, also would have insured that British and American forces would occupy and control all of Germany. The Soviet armies were still several hundreds of miles from Berlin.

The Prime Minister responded publicly to these overtures in a speech in Parliament on May 24. He took a hard line, but (again in Cave Brown's words) was “less ferocious than usual.” At about the same time, General Eisenhower prepared a speech which again proposed a modification of the Unconditional Surrender policy. He sent this to the White House for advance approval, but received no reply. A response eventually came, however, from Churchill, on May 31, 1944. It was a stinging rebuke which in effect told Eisenhower that the matter was none of his business, that he had overstepped his military bounds into an area “which really must be dealt with by Governments...”

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Golf for Everyone

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to Snead, who has played almost daily for 50 years.

"An old gent was telling me how much exercise he gets just bending down to tee the ball, swinging his upper torso to hit it, picking it up on the green to mark it, and bending over to take it out of the cup," Snead recounted.

"That's true," I told him. "And if you did all that exercise at one time in one place they would have to carry you away in a litter."

Following his heart attack, Eisenhower was encouraged to play golf by Dr. Paul Dudley White. Ralph Bogart, 10 times Maryland amateur champion, resumed golfing three months after open heart surgery. When former Ohio governor and senator Frank J. Lausche, 83, doesn't play golf for several days he develops aches in his bones.

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"That's really what prompted me to take up the game," Grace quipped.

The golf course is fertile ground for gamesmanship, the art of nettling or unnerving your opponent and causing him to miss a shot. Nowhere is it practiced more artfully or regularly than at Burning Tree Club in suburban Bethesda, Md., where the elite of Washington officialdom in politics, government and business play golf. Just 11 miles from the White House, this club is perhaps best known as the golf club of our Presidents, although Jimmy Carter, a non-golfer, is not a member.

There was the time in the early 1950's when Gen. Omar N. Bradley, then chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was about to hole a three-foot putt to beat the late Sen. Burton K. Wheeler.

"What are you going to do, General," Wheeler asked, "if you drive

the North Koreans across the Yalu River?"

He missed the putt.

There are sneaky ways to try to win golf bets before even teeing the ball up. The late Sen. Pat Harrison is remembered for the time he showed up on the first tee with a heavily bandaged right thumb.

"Caught it in a fan," he explained.

After his opponents sympathetically made allowances for his sore thumb in their betting, the senator calmly removed the bandage and revealed a minor scratch.

"I hate a guy who carries a joke too far," he teased his pals.

Eisenhower was a tough competitor who hated to give "quarter." Once former Rep. Les Arends, playing with Ike, sliced his ball into the middle of a patch of poison ivy.

"I can't play that lie," Arends pleaded, seeking relief.

"Yes you can," the President told him. "If you get poison ivy I'll have Doc Synder treat you free." (Maj. Gen. Howard Synder was his personal physician.)

Earlier Presidents who played a reasonable amount of golf were John F. Kennedy, Warren G. Harding, Woodrow Wilson and William Howard Taft. Lyndon Johnson played on rare occasions. Franklin D. Roosevelt played before polio struck him. James A. Garfield tried the game, but gave up because of too many whiffs.

Kennedy, who played for Harvard in a match against Yale, was probably the best player, capable of shooting in the 70's when not hampered by his back problem. But he was not the best dresser.

Washington Golf Pro Max Elbin recalls Kennedy showing up at a club wearing a golf shirt, khaki pants and carrying his golf shoes in his hands.

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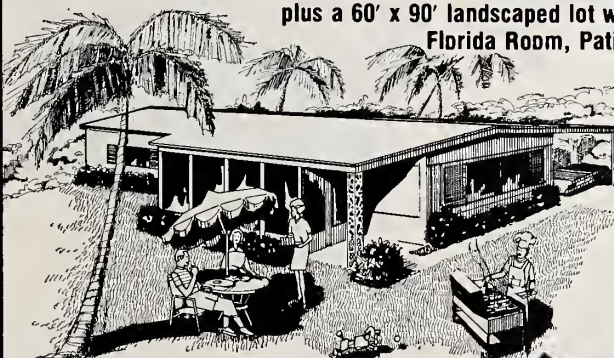
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America's First Transcontinental Flight

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hattan while thousands watched and cheered him from rooftops and windows. A contemporary account said "he was daring what no man had ever dared before in flying directly over the city with its death-trap of tall buildings, spires, ragged roofs, and narrow streets."

Turning over New Jersey, Cal quickly picked up his train which had been marked by strips of white canvas on the track. It consisted of a Pullman car to house him, wife Mabel, his mother, cousin Lt. John Rodgers who later gained fame as a Navy pilot, his chief mechanic, assistants, and reporters; a coach used for observation and lounging; and a white "hangar car" decorated with Vin Fiz slogans which contained a spare airplane, a Palmer-Singer automobile, and plenty of spare parts.

Rodgers indulged in some unwarranted optimism when he touched down to the cheers of 9,000 at Middletown, N.Y., completing the first 84 miles of his journey. With "not a miss of the cylinders and not a swerve of the machine", Cal predicted that he'd make Chicago in four days "if everything goes right". He did, indeed, make Chicago, but it took 21 days and three crashes, the first of which occurred when he tried to leave Middletown the next morning, hitting a tree and landing in a chicken coop instead.

From then until early October, Rodgers bounced and crashed his way along a route that paralleled the southern border of New York State with a trip off course to Scranton, Pa., because he carried no compass, over the northwest tip of Pennsylvania, across Ohio and Indiana to Chicago. He had hit telephone wires at Elmira, N.Y.; a spark plug had popped out in mid-flight, so he had held it in with one hand and flown with the other; ignition trouble had caused a forced landing in the Allegheny Indian Reservation at Salamanca, N.Y.; Cal then piled the plane into a barbed wire fence, wrecking it for the second time; his engine quit just inside Indiana; he was forced down by a violent thunderstorm; and he was forced to wreck the plane at Huntington, Ind., to avoid hitting a group of spectators.

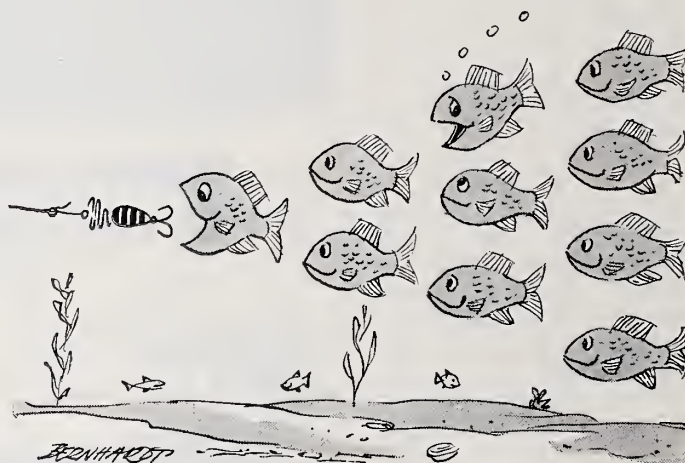
On October 8 he finally landed the *Vin Fiz Flyer* in Chicago and exhibited the aircraft briefly at Grant

Park, aware now, after having made only 1,000 miles in three weeks, that his chances of collecting the Hearst prize were virtually gone. When asked by a reporter if he would quit, however, Cal grittily replied, "I'm going to do this whether I get \$50,000 or 50 cents or nothing. I am going to cross this continent simply to be the first to cross in an aeroplane."

Rodgers took off that afternoon, turning southwest to skirt the Ozarks and avoid the Rockies, and continued to follow the railroad tracks. On October 10, the day Hearst's offer expired, he angrily bypassed the city of St. Louis because it had refused to make good on an

ing the ground and sending the plane into a spin that resulted in severe damage. But by now his crew, led by chief mechanic Charlie Taylor, was used to such things and had him ready to go the next morning.

As Rodgers arrived in Tucson on November 1, his landing was watched through a telescope at the state university by Robert Fowler, the indefatigable rival who had gone back to Los Angeles and was trying his second west-east crossing. Although the third of the starters, Jimmy Ward, had reluctantly dropped out September 22, Fowler was showing the same kind of determination as Rodgers. He would eventually



"Frankly, I don't have too much confidence in our leader."

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offer of \$1,000 for him to put on an exhibition. On the 11th he became the first man to fly over Kansas City, Mo., and, after waving to the schoolchildren who had been let out of class to watch him pass overhead, he landed at Swope Park.

As the *Vin Fiz Flyer* wended its way southward, more and larger crowds awaited it along the route to the delight of Armour whose nickel softdrink was becoming as well known as the courageous pilot. Thousands lined the fairgrounds racetrack at Muskogee, Okla. and a throng of 75,000 greeted Rodgers at the Texas State Fair in Dallas.

On October 24 Rodgers suffered his fourth serious mishap at Spoford, Tex., his right propeller strik-

reach the East Coast, landing at Jacksonville, Fla., on February 8, 1912, 149 days from his original takeoff.

After speaking briefly with Fowler, Cal took off once again from Tucson. Thus far he had made eight stops in New York, two in Pennsylvania, four each in Ohio and Indiana, eight in Illinois, four in Missouri, one in Kansas, three in Oklahoma, 23 in Texas, and three in New Mexico. At last, on November 3 the *Vin Fiz Flyer* crossed the border of California, the final leg of the arduous journey, but Rodgers' troubles were hardly over yet. Above the Salton Sea one of his cylinders exploded, filling his right arm with jagged pieces of metal. It took a doc-

tor two hours to remove them, but Cal was off and flying the next day.

Plagued by spark plugs that continued to work loose, a radiator that leaked, and a broken gas line, Rodgers finally limped into Tournament Park, Pasadena, at 4:08 p.m. on Sunday, November 5, 1911, 49 days after leaving New York. He had flown 4,321 railroad miles in three days, ten hours, four minutes of actual flying time, which rendered an average speed of 53 miles per hour. Ten thousand more people had gathered to greet him and protective police had to push with night sticks to keep them from their hero.

During the flight Rodgers had landed a total of 69 times, had 15 accidents, lost 25 days with no take-off due to weather or mechanical problems, broken 20 skids and 18 planes, consumed 1,230 gallons of gasoline, and wound up with one barely patched-together engine composed of parts from the two he had started with. The only elements of the original craft to reach Pasadena were the rudder and two stanchions.

A considerably thinner, bruised, windburned, and scarred Cal Rodgers would like to have said the same thing. The longest sustained flight he had been able to muster through the entire trip was two hours, 40 minutes from Kansas City, Mo., to Moran, Kan., on October 14. His fastest continuous flight had taken place at the beginning of the odyssey, on September 21, when he had gone the 87 miles from Otisville to Hancock, N.Y., in 61 minutes.

Rogers was cynical, though still philosophical, when he granted post-flight interviews saying, "I am not in this business because I like it, but because of what I can make out of it; personally, I prefer an automobile with a good driver to a biplane. But someone had to do this flying and I decided it might as well be I. My record will not last long."

That record, however, proved more durable than Cal expected. It wasn't broken until October 1919, eight years later, when Army Lieutenant Belvin W. Maynard flew a de Havilland from Mineola, N.Y., to San Francisco in three days, eight hours, 41 minutes, less than an hour and a half faster than Cal. And, in fairness to Rodgers, Maynard took a

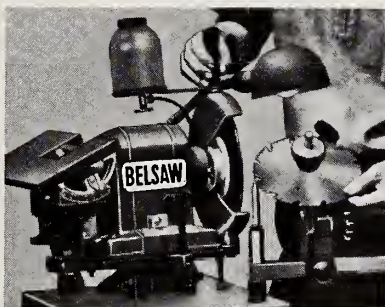
more direct route and flew only 2,701 miles.

Belying his remarks about flying only for "profit," Cal Rodgers decided somewhat anti-climatically that he wasn't finished yet. Hearst's offer notwithstanding, his goal had been to fly literally from "coast to coast" and Pasadena lay inland so, on November 12, he set out once more for Long Beach. About halfway there, though, due to some cause he himself was unable to pinpoint, Cal lost control of the plane and it fell 200 feet, crashing into a field. He was unconscious when pulled from the wreckage but, by the next day, was puffing on his cigar and proclaiming "I am going to finish that flight and finish it with that same machine."

A month passed while his broken bones healed and, finally, on December 10, 1911, carrying his crutches, he landed at Long Beach. While 50,000 screamed their cheers from the boardwalk, he performed the

ritual of wetting the wheels of the *Vin Fiz Flyer* in the Pacific Ocean. Rodgers was now penniless, having spent all his own funds and the money paid him by Armour to keep his machine in the air. The ensuing weeks saw him gather publicity, a gold medal from the Aero Club of America, and large crowds to attend his exhibition flights.

It was four months after he had completed the historic journey that Cal Rodgers took off for a routine flight around Long Beach in the spare airplane that had been carried aboard the *Vin Fiz* train. On April 3, 1912 he was soaring above the Pacific just a few yards from shore when he collided with a flock of seagulls, sending the plane out of control and into the ocean. Swimmers quickly reached the craft and pulled Rodgers from the water, but their efforts proved futile. He had broken his neck in the fall and died just feet from the spot where he had finished the first transcontinental flight. ■



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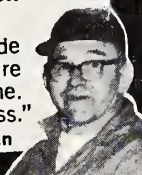
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Right across from it is Astroworld-Six Flags Amusement Park, Houston's answer to the Disney parks in other parts of the country. It's a great place to spend an afternoon, especially if you have some younger family members in tow. It is at this complete sports-entertainment complex, in the ballroom of the Astro Village Hotel, that the National Commander's Dinner to Distinguished Guests will be given on Tuesday evening, August 21.

Legionnaires who are art lovers will want to visit the Museum of Fine Arts and the Contemporary Arts Museum, as well as the Rothko Chapel. Others will enjoy the Houston Museum of Natural Science, where the museum's planetarium houses one of the world's most advanced projectors. Another stop on your tour of the city should be the Houston Zoological Gardens in Hermann Park, where you'll be delighted with the Zoological Gardens' exotic \$180,000 Tropical Bird House that resembles an Asian jungle. Also, The Port of Houston—with its observation deck for viewing the turning basin and the port itself—will interest Legionnaire visitors.

The battleground for the most famous battle in the Texas-Mexico conflict and the one that brought independence to Texas, The Battle of San Jacinto, is about 17 miles south from the heart of present-day downtown Houston, on the banks of the ship channel. Today, it is a state park with a monument that commemorates the battle and that is similar in design to the Washington Monument in our nation's capital,

but which, in true Texas fashion, stands 15 feet taller! The battleship *Texas* is permanently berthed there, in the channel alongside the battlefield.

Twenty-five miles southeast, heading down toward Galveston, is the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, built in 1961 and command post for space flights by U.S. astronauts. It employs close to 10,000 workers and contributes to the city's stimulating atmosphere. The space center, together with the city's renowned reputation for pioneering work in heart surgery, have thrust Houston into worldwide prominence. As you drive out of the city, be sure to watch for the oil derricks that have brought such enormous prosperity to the area. And if you don't mind a fairly long drive, 60 miles will bring you to Galveston, with its beach on the Gulf and its Sea-Arama Marineworld.

The Legion's four main convention hotels are situated about equidistant from the Astrodome, the downtown shopping center and the elaborate Galleria shopping center, where Neiman-Marcus, Lord & Taylor and W. & J. Sloane are located. Convention-goers have a choice of shopping at the Galleria or heading downtown, where shoppers can take in other stores.

For dining with a view, the city offers three rooftop rooms that are open to visitors. The Hyatt Regency has one, the Galleria Plaza Hotel houses another, and the third is at Stouffer's Hotel. Serious diners who would prefer a substantial meal to a view might well choose the San Jacinto Inn out of the city near the battlefield. Those who don't mind a fling that may stretch the budget but delight the palate will want to try Hugo's at the Hyatt Regency, Maxim's or Tony's for French food, Charley's 517 for a more international type cuisine, Vargo's for Southern style dining, or La Hacienda de los Morales for what some Houstonians think is about the best continental dining in the city. Also, don't forget Brennan's of New Orleans fame, which has a restaurant in Houston, too.

Or you might head to Ninfa's for excellent Mexican food, to Kaphan's for delicious seafood or to either of Sonny Look's two restaurants for a steak.

Those who want to see something

of Houston's nightlife might start with disco dancing at a hotel spot such as Annabelle's at the Galleria Plaza Hotel, then move on to élan with its club atmosphere, or head for the City Dump with its variety show or Tuts Cabaret Theater at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel.

Whatever your mood, vacation preference or pocketbook requirements, Houston is the Convention City to meet the challenge. It's a city that will offer you a great time while you are its guest—in this boomingest of the Southwest's boom cities.

See you there this August. ■

Commander's Message

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While the picture is pretty grim at the present time, it is going to become worse if obvious conclusions are drawn from the proposed VA budget for Fiscal Year 1980. Results could indeed be catastrophic. Veterans in increasing numbers will be turned away from VA hospitals and referred to community resources—which in some cases means charity hospitals.

Why are we being subjected to these moves which have come about during the tenure of the present administration? We have an uneasy feeling that this is part of a plan to deemphasize the veterans health care program, to reduce its size and scope, and to appreciably decrease the number of veterans who will be cared for by that program. We are convinced that this is being done to facilitate the introduction of some sort of national health care program to which this administration is committed. The merging of veterans health care programs into a national health care program would significantly reduce the cost of the program, at least at the start.

Deeply concerned over the way this exploits the veteran to make political points, I sent a direct message to the President asking him not to implement his program of fiscal restraint at the expense of health care for sick and disabled veterans.

An assistant to the President replied saying that veterans' care "will not be compromised," but actions to date strongly indicate otherwise. ■



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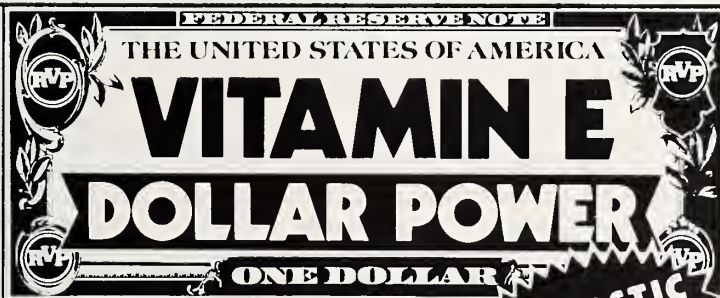
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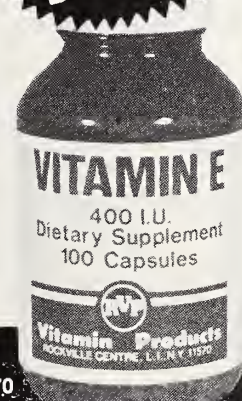
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receive should help you focus on particular geographical areas that sound most interesting and most promising—perhaps, for example, the Florida Panhandle, or the Hill Country of Texas, or Cape Cod in Massachusetts. Or you may decide, for another example, that you want to look into small towns within a 100-mile (two-hour) radius of a particular city, thus combining the pleasure of small-town living with reasonable accessibility to a metropolis. Buy a simple compass—the kind you used in school, which uses a pencil—and center on that city. Set your compass for a 100-mile radius and draw a circle that shows you what falls within that distance.

Now repeat the information-seeking process. Most communities with a population of 3,000 or more have a chamber of commerce; almost all of those chambers have printed literature. You can simply address your letters to the "Chamber of Commerce" in each town and city, obtaining zip codes from the directory available at your post office (and perhaps at your office). If you care to be more precise, and waste less postage, order a copy (\$9.00 before July 15, \$12.00 after plus \$2.00 for shipping and handling.) of the *World Wide Chamber of Commerce Directory* from the Johnson Publishing Company, Inc., Box 455, Loveland, Colorado 80537. You'll have accurate addresses and, in most instances, the name of an officer to whom you can write. In your letters, specify the type of information you are seeking and ask for a list of local real estate agents.

As your mail begins to get heavy, and your mailman begins to scowl, give each town's literature several readings. Let the first one be quick, impressionistic, and fun—do they make their town sound interesting? Let the second reading be more serious. Compare the information they've given you with your checklist. What's missing? Are they, perhaps, being evasive about some cloud on the local horizon? Be a skeptic, and jot down notes on questions to ask, things to look for if you visit the town.

As you are waiting for this literature to arrive, you can put your local library to good use. Browse through its stacks of travel books; look at back issues of travel maga-

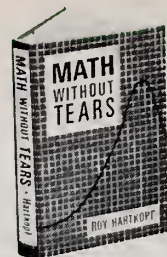
zines for articles on the areas that interest you. If you are especially energetic, you can look up each of your towns, cities, and states in the *New York Times Index* and the *Guide to Periodical Literature* (the librarian will be pleased to assist you). You may come across some revealing articles. And if you're a businessman, you will want to do some specialized research on business conditions. For the names of people and departments handling economic development, ask if your library has a copy of the reference work, *State Administrative Officials Classified by Function*.

By this time, you are probably anxious to stop reading and start traveling. The trip should be fun—a different sort of vacation—as well as a fact-finding mission, so don't try to cover too much territory. Confine your first trip to the one section of the country that holds the most interest for you. Weed out the literature that is of little or no use, and arrange your remaining maps and brochures in an expanding cardboard file holder, available from most office supply stores. Plan ahead so that when you reach your destination, you can hit each of the towns on your list by traveling a continuous or circular route. Allow plenty of time to backtrack after this initial scouting mission, so you can spend at least a couple of days in the most promising community.

When you think you've found it, temper your enthusiasm with solid attention to your checklist. Drive through all neighborhoods at night as well as during the day: do you feel safe? Look at properties, go inside the police station and talk to someone on the force, and don't hesitate to ask questions of everyone you meet. If a town has warts—and most do—it's better that you find out what they are now, before you pull up stakes. Ideally, you will want to pay another visit during the worst season of the year, and, if you are retiring, arrange to rent housing for several months before you sell your present home and make the final plunge.

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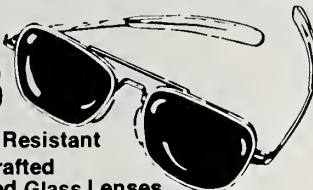
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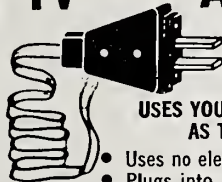
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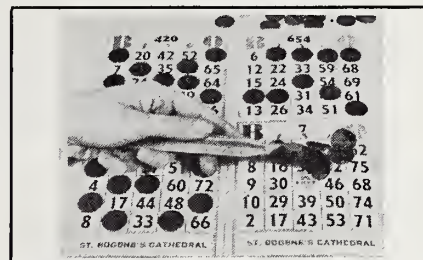
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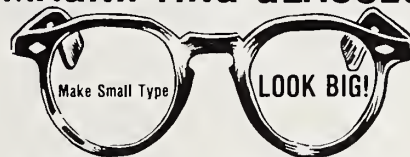
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A recently married young doctor was confiding in an older medical man about his bride having become quite a nag.

"Get away from home more often," the older man advised, "even if you have to make house calls."

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